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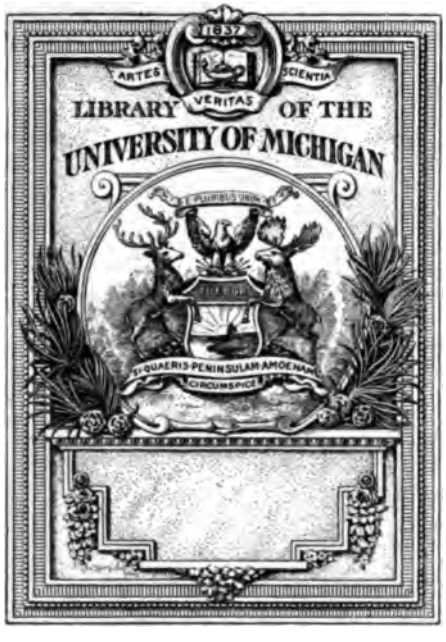
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THE WILL OF RALPH CUDWORTH OF WERNETH, CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1572.

IN the name of God, &c. I RAUPHE CUDWORTHE of Wyrnythe co. Lanc. Gent. xxj Aug. 1572. "My Mortall bodye to chrystiā buryall wythin the chapell on the northe side of ye pryshe church [of Oldham]." All my goods to be divided into three parts, one part for myself, one part for my wife, and the third part for my children. To Rauphe Cudworth, my bastard son, £30 a year during his life out of a tenement now in the tenure of John Goddard, with power of distraint. To Rauphe Cudworth, son of Rauphe Cudworth, my bastard son 40s. To my son John Cudworth certain heirlooms. To my daughters Anne Cudworth, Margere Cudworth, Alys Cudworth, and the child my wife is now with child withall, the 3rd part of the profits of my land for 13 years. To the said Anne, Margere, and Alice my daughters, and the child unborn all my part after my debts &c. are paid. And my wife Jane to have the governance of my said daughters and the child unborn, during her widowhood, but if she marry again, then my executors to have the governance of my said daughters and the child unborn.

William Assheton, my brother in law, and John Tayleur, of Horshedge, to be executors.

Witnesses—Arthur Assheton, of Racchedale, gent., Sr Rodg^o wrygte, clerke.

[Proved at Chester by the executors, 14 Sep^r, 1572.]

THE WILL OF JOHN HAMER OF SHORE, CO. LANC., HUSBANDMAN.[1] 1581.

"IN the name of god so be yt the xijth daye of marche in the yeare of our lord god 1580[-1], I JOHN HAMER of the shore in the towne of Honersfeld in the countie of lancaster husbandman Sicke in bodie yet neuerthelesse stronge in mynd of good and perfect remembrance laude and prayse be geuen vnto almyghtie god therfore doe ordayne constitute and make this my p^{r}sent testament wherin is contayned my last will in maner and forme followinge first and principally I geue and comend my soule into the handes of the eternall lyvinge god trustinge that through the merits of Jesus Christ his deathe and passion to haue full remission and forgeuenes of all my sins and my bodie I commend vnto the earthe in sure and certayne hope of the resurrection vnto Eternall lyffe. Itm, I doe geue and bequeath vnto James hamer my eldest sõne all my tenement and fermehold whych I now haue by Indenture of a leaze of Henrye bameforth, duringe fourth all such tyme and tearme as shall chaunce to be vnspended in the same leaze at the daye of my death.

"Itm, I doe geue and bequeathe vnto the said James Hamer and Richard hamer my sõnes one Indenture of a leaze whych I have of the demyse and graunt of the Ryght worshipfull Sir John byron of newstede in the countie of Nottinghame knyght of all the tythe of otts corne and graynes yearelie arysynge comynge and growinge in and vpon the said tẽnt and fermehold equally to be deuided betwixt them durynge forth all such tyme and terme as shalbe vnspended at the daye of the death of me the said John. Itm, I geue and bequeth vnto James hamer my said sonne so much corne called ottes as shall suffice to sow his

[1] This will is copied in full.

grounde wythall this yeare yf there be so much and also all waynes carts plowes Harrowes and whatsoeuer els appartayneth vnto Husbandrye wythout [the] howse. Itm, I geue and bequeath vnto Richard hamer my sonne tenne shepe wyth the profitt belonginge to them whych are put to ꝑtes wt Elice brooke. Itm, I doe geue and bequeth vnto Grace my daughter in law vj*s*. viij*d*. Itm, I doe geue and bequeth vnto margerie my daughter and wyffe vnto James buckley vj*s*. viij*d*. Itm, I geue and bequeath vnto Elizabeth my daughter in law v*s*. Itm, I geue vnto Grace hamer daughter of Richard hamer my sonne one shepe of a yeare old. Itm, I geue vnto Issabell Chadwycke my s⁹uant one shepe of a yeare old.

"Itm, I geue vnto the mendinge of the glasse windowes in the Littlebroughe chappell xvj*d*. Itm, I geue vnto marie hamer daughter of James hamer my sone one little arcke. Itm, I geue and bequeath vnto James hamer my sone all the dust and sudes[1] towardes the keepinge of a swine. Itm, yt is my will and mynd that all legacies and bequestes be leuied and taken vpp of the whole goodes before any deuision be had. Itm, yt is my will and mynd that my soñe Richard hamer shall haue one chamber below in the howse to kepe such stuff in as the said Richard hath for and durynge the space of one whole yeare after the date hereof and no longer so that the said Richard neyther dwell nor lodge in the same.

"Itm, wheras I have geuen vnto my soñe James all waynes carts plowes and harrowes and whatsoeuer els appartayneth vnto husbandrye, yet my meanynge is that he shall haue no further nor more but all waynes carts plowes harrowes all yokes and horse geare, except one peare of horse geare whych I geue vnto my sone Richard and the rest of things ꝑtaynynge to husbandrie spades shovels mattockes axes and wimbles[2] I geue vnto my soñes [James] (torn) and Richard equally to be deuided betwixt them. The rest of my goodes not geuen nor bequested my

[1] This is a curious expression, which should be noted.

[2] "Wimble" is an old word for an augur.

funerall expenses and forthbringe[1] discharged I geue vnto my two sonés James and Richard equally to be deuided betwixt them. And of this my last will and testament I make the said James hamer and Ric[hard] (torn) hamer my sones my true and lawfull executors to see this my last will truely executed and performed as they will answeare before god at the dreadfull daye of Judgment, supvisors of this my last will I shall desire my trusty neyghbours and frends Thomas shore and Arthure turnaughe so farre as in them lyeth. These wytnesses—Thomas shore Arthure turnaughe and william Greave curate and others and herevnto I haue sette my seale and marke the daye and yeare first above written.

JOHN HAMER × his marke."

"Debts owing to me the said John Hamer.

Imp. William Hill - - - - - - -	29^s 0^d
Itm. Henry Bameforth my landlord of money which I laid down for taking of the tithe corn -	14^s 6^d
Itm. The same Henry Bameforthe - - -	5^s 9^d"

[Proved at Chester, in 1581, by the executors.]

Inventory taken 27 March 23 Eliz. [1581] by Thomas Shore, Ralph Hamore, John Helywell, and Arthur Turnaughe.

Kine, sheep, horses, household goods, &c., Total 49^{li} [£49].

[1] This curious word "forthbringing" occurs in many Lancashire and Cheshire wills of the end of this century and the early part of the next. It seems to be synonymous with "burial."

THE WILL OF JOHN SPENSER,[1] THE ELDER, OF HURSTWOOD, NEAR BURNLEY, CO. LANC., YEOMAN. 1587.

IN the name of God Amen, the 28th June 1587. I JOHN SPENSER of Hurstwood, the elder, co. Lanc. yeoman. My body to Christian burial within the church of Brunley. My debts to be paid and my goods to be divided into three parts, the first part to Grace my wife, the second part to Marie Spenser my daughter, and the third and last part for myself. I will that after my funeral expenses are discharged the said last third part be divided into three equal parts, the first part of which I give to Grace my wife and the other two parts to Marie Spenser my said daughter. Also I will that Grace my wife have "the Governinge and Gardenershippe (*sic*) of Edmunde Spenser my son untill suche tyme as he accomplishe the age of xiiijth yeares" if the said Grace keep herself so long unmarried. If she marry then I will that Richard Horsfalle my brother in law have "the governynyng and gardenershippe of Edmounde my said sone dureing the tyme aforesaide." Also I will that Edmund Spenser my said son shall paye to Marie Spenser my daughter so much money as shall make her part of my goods amount to 100 marks, when the said Edmund shall accomplish the age of 21 years. Marie Spenser was then also under 21 years of age. I make Grace my wife my sole Executor and John Townley of Hurstwood supervisor.

Witnesses—Barnarde Townely John Townley John Spenser younger Samuell Dawcrofte with others.

[1] This and the next will are the earliest Spenser wills relating to North Lancashire, now preserved at Chester. They are of interest in as much as Edmund Spenser, the poet, has been claimed to be of Lancashire descent. (See *Palatine Note Book*, vol. iv. pp. 136-140, 170-191, &c.)

Debts owing to me.

Richard Horsfall my brother in law - - - xix^{li} viij^{s}

Debts owing by me.

To Margaret Spenser my mother in lawe and John Spenser my younger brother - - ix^{li}

[Proved at Chester, 14 July, 1587.]

Inventory made 30 June 29 Eliz. [1587] of the goods &c. of John Spenser thelder of Hurstwood. John Spenser the younger of Hurstwood one of the appraisers.

Corne, cattle, &c. - - - - - Total 33^{li} 14^{s}

THE WILL OF EDMUND SPENSER OF HURSTWOOD, NEAR BURNLEY, CO. LANC., YEOMAN. 1587.

IN the name of God Amen, the 21st Dec. 1586. I EDMUND SPENSER of Hurstwood co. Lanc. yeoman. My body to Christian burial. My debts to be paid and my goods to be divided into three parts, the first part for myself, the second for Margaret my wife, and the third part to John Spenser my yonger son. After my funeral expenses discharged, I give unto John Spenser my eldest son all my stone troughes &c. and also "one Bill,[1] one Jacke,[2] one Sallet[3] and one payre of malle wyrnts (?)[4]" for his life and after his decease to Edmunde Spenser son of the said John Spenser for his life as heirlooms. "Also I will that all

[1] A "bill" or "billhook" was a kind of pike or halbert, a weapon in common use at this time.

[2] A "jack" was a padded jacket made of strong leather, commonly worn by soldiers.

[3] A "sallet" was a head piece or light helmet.

[4] I cannot offer any explanation of these two words, which are not very legible in the original.

my waynes plowes harrowes yokes teames and all other things belonging unto oxen shall remain betwixt my wife and John Spenser my eldest son" for their lives and then to Edmund Spenser son of the said John. Also I give to Margaret Nutter, Marie Nutter, and Ellen Nutter daughters of Henry Nutter iij^{s} iiij^{d} a piece. Also to Robert Hallsted, Henry Hallsted, Thomas Hallsted, and Isabell Hallsted, sons and daughters of John Hallsted 2^{s} 6^{d} apiece. To Marie Spenser iij^{s} iiij^{d} and the residue of my goods I give to John Spenser my younger son and I make him executor.

Witnesses—Barnard Townley John Townley John Spenser of Haberiameves [Habergham Eaves].

Debts owing by me.

To John Spenser my younger son - - vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Certain debts were also owing to the testator.

[Proved at Chester, 2 May, 1587.]

Inventory made 10 April 29 Eliz. [1587] of the goods of the late deceased Edmund Spenser of Hurstwood prised by John Spenser of haberiameves [Habergham Eaves] and John Spenser of Hurstwood and others.

Oxen &c. - - - - - - (no total given.)

THE WILL OF THOMAS BECK OF MANCHESTER, GENTLEMAN.[1] 1588.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 23 January 1587[-8] I THOMAS BECKE of Manchester co. Lanc. gent. My body to be buried in Jesus Chappell in the Parish church of Manchester.

[1] Thomas Beck was the son of Robert Beck, of Manchester, who died in 1556. (*Manchester Court Leet Records*, vol i. p. 32.) He was Boroughreeve of Manchester in 1581-2. For a short notice of him see *Manchester Court Leet Records*, vol. ii. p. 20.

My debts to be paid first, and the rest of my goods &c. to be divided into three parts, one part to Elizabeth my wife, another part to myself, and the third part to my two younger children, Robert and Eleanor. After my funeral expenses are paid the remainder of my part to my two children Robert and Eleanor Beck. To Margaret Hunt, wife of William Hunt, my barn, a garden &c. for her life. And to the said Robert Beck an annuity of £5 for his life, to be issuing out of my messuages, lands &c. in the counties of Lancaster and Chester, except such lands and tenements as are appointed for the jointure of the said Elizabeth Beck my wife, and except such lands as I am barred by way of covenant by certain indentures made between me the said Thomas Beck on the one part, and Thomas Bunberrie and John Nuthall, gentlemen, on the other part, for the establishing of all my inheritance. Also I bequeath such leases as I have in possession or reversion of my messuage or tenement in Ardwick to my executors to enjoy the same to the use of my daughter Eleanor until they shall have received the sum of £100, which sum to be bestowed on my said daughter for her better preferment in marriage. If she die before the £100 be paid then I will that the same be bestowed for the benefit of my son Robert Beck. And when this sum is received by my executors then I assign the said leases to Ranulph Becke my son and heir apparent and if he die before he come of age, then to Robert Beck my younger son, and if he die then to Eleanor my daughter and her assigns. And as touching my messuages and lands, I will that the same shall descend according to such uses and limitations as are set down in the said indentures made between me and the said Mr. Bunberrie and Mr. Nuthall and I appoint as executors Thomas Bromfort clothier, and Thomas Grymesdiche my brother in law, and my loving friends Adam Byrom gentleman and William Robinson to be my overseers.

[Proved at Chester, Feb. 18, 1587-8.]

An Inventory of all the goods and chattels of Thomas Becke

gent. deceased taken 5th february 1587[-8] by George Choureton, William Cunlyffe, Nycholas Worsley and Nycholas mosse.

Oats, Barley, wheat, kyne, beasts, hay.

Itm. in sylver plate all gylte savinge on[e] flaxke bowle threescore and eighteene ounces prised at xviij^{li} xvj^{s} viij^{d}.

Itm. one mase cupp [maser cup] garnishte wth sylver xx^{s}.

THE WILL OF JAMES FIELDEN OF BOTHAMLEY, PARISH OF ROCHDALE, CO. LANC., YEOMAN.[1] 1594.

"IN the name of god so be yt The xxxth daye of July in the xxxvjth yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lady Elizabethe by the grace of god Quene of England ffrance and Ireland defender of the faythe &c. [1594] I JAMES FIELDEN of Bothamley in the pyshe of Rachdall and countye of lancaster yoman sicke in bodye neuerthelesse of good and pfect remembrance praysed be god therfore doe ordayne constitute and make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge first and principally I geue and bequeathe my soule into the handes of almyghtye god trustinge to be saved by the deathe and passion of Jesus Christ my onely sauiour and redemer and by the merites of no other and my bodie I comend vnto the earthe from whence yt came in sure and certayne hope of the resurrection vnto eternall lyffe and concernynge my temporall goodes I dispose as followethe first yt is my will and mynd y^{t} James fielden my vncle shall occupye and enjoye the moitie and one halfe of one close called and comonly knowne by the name of the blacke karre now in the holdinge and occupacon of Cisley fielden the wyffe of James fielden deceased for and

[1] This will has been copied in full.

duringe the naturall lyffe of the said James fielden and after the deathe of the said James then yt is my will and mynd that yt shalbe occupyed as the rest of my land is hereafter appoynted.

"Also yt is my will and mynd that yf Issabell fielden my wyffe be now wyth child wyth a sonne that then my said sone shall be my sole heyre and have my whole lands and shall enter vpon the same when he shall accomplyshe his full age of xxjth yeres and when he shall accomplyshe his full age of xxjth yeres then yt is my will and mynd that he shall content and paye vnto Marye fielden my daughter the some of twentie pounds of good and lawfull money of England towards her preferment. And yf my said wyffe be wyth child wythe a daughter then yt is my will and mynd that all my lands shalbe equally deuided betwixt them further yt is my will and mynd that Issabell my wyffe shall haue the education and bringinge vpp of my children and the occupacon and gouernement of my lands vntill my children accomplyshe their full age of xxjth yeres yf my said wyffe so longe doe lyve, kepe her sole and vnmaried and doe not comitt fornication. And yf she dept this lyffe marye or comitte fornication than yt is my will and mynd that James fielden my vncle and Willm Scolfeld my brother in law shall haue the rule and gouernement of my said children and such lands as belongethe vnto them vntill my said children accomplyshe their age of xxjth yeres and my said wyffe to haue noe further gouernement of my said children nor rule of my said lands except yt be by consent of the said James fielden and willm scolfeld their executours or assignes and yf my wyffe be wyth child wyth a sone then yt is my will and mynd that Mary my daughter shall haue the one halfe of my lands towards her education bringinge vp and further preferment till my said sonne accomplishe his age of xxjth yeres further yt is my will and mynd that the dwelling howse whych my grandmother now dwellethe in the barne and one close wch she now occupyethe called the acker shall remayne vnto my wyffe after the death of my grandmother to be occupyed accordinge as my land ys before appoynted and

that James fielden my vncle hathe confessed and promysed before these wytnesses hereafter recited that my said wyffe and children shall peaceably and quietly enter vpon the said dwellinge howse barne and close wythout any disturbance or trouble of him the said James or of any other by his procurement.

"And for my other moveable goods yt is my will and mynd that the[y] be deuided into three equall pts one pt therof I geue and bequeathe vnto Issabell my wyffe as of right to her belongethe The second pt therof I geue and bequethe vnto Marye my daughter and such child as my wyffe is wyth child wyth all, and the third pt beinge myne owne after my fourthbringinge[1] and funerall expencs be therof discharged I geue and bequeathe vnto Issabell my wyffe Marye my daughter and such child as my wyffe is wth child wythall equally to be deuided amongst them. And of this my last will and testament I ordayne constitute and make Issabell my said wyffe my true and lawfull executrix to se[e] this my last will and testament truely executed and performed. These wytnesses Richard Clegge James Heyward James fielden John crosley wiffm Greave and others."

[Proved at Chester by the executrix, 24 Aug., 1594.]

Inventory taken 2 Aug. 36 Eliz. [1594] by Richard Clegg, James Heyward, John Crosley of Arlescoles and Henry Kyrshaye.

Sheep, household goods, &c. - - - Total 10^{li} 6^{s} 4^{d}.

[1] Here is another instance of the use of the word "forthbringing". (See p. 4.)

THE WILL OF EDWARD CLEGG *alias* TAILOR OF STENERBOTHOME.[1] 1598.

"IN the name of god, Amen, Quinto die Martij Anno Tricessimo septimo Elizabeth Annoq3 domini 1594[-5]. I EDWARD CLEGG *alias* TAILOR of Stenerbothome sounde in bodie and of perfecte remembrance praised be god therefore, and consideringe wth my selfe the day of deathe to be most c'taine and the hower therof to be most vncertaine and also willinge to leave those goodes wch god hathe lent me for a tyme in peaceable and quiet stay after my death, Do therefore ordeine make and appointe this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. ffirst I giue and betake my soule into the hands of Almightye god, trustinge by the death and passion of Jesus Christe to haue full remission and forgiuenes of all my synnes, and my body I comende vnto the earthe from whence it came in sure and c'taine hoope of the Res'rection to et'nall liefe. And for my temporall goodes I will that they shalbe deuided into two equal parts the one equall part so deuided I giue and bequeath vnto my ffive daughters Elizabeth Clegg Alice Clegg Ellynne Clegg An[n] Clegg and Marie Clegg equally to be deuided amongste them in the name of their filliall portions and childes partes. The other part beinge my owne I dispose as followeth ffirst I giue and bequeathe vnto Elizabeth Clegg my eldest daughter Sixe pounde. Itm I giue vnto Marye Clegg my daughter xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. The rest of my parte of goodes (after my legacies be paide & forthe bringeinge[2] dischardged) I giue vnto Elizabeth Clegg, Alice Clegg, Ellyn Clegg, An[n] Clegg and Marie Clegg, equally to be deuided amongest them. And of this my last will & testament I ordeine and make Alice Clegg my daughter my

[1] This will has been copied in full.

[2] Yet another instance of this word. (See pp. 4 and 11.)

true and lawfull executrixe to se[e] this my last will and testam[t] trulye executed and pformed. Theis wittnesses Adam hill blacksmithe Rauffe Clegg Willm Greave Clerk."

Endorsed.

Will of Edward Clegge *alias* Taylor of Steanderbothome in the parish of Rachdall, deceased, proved by the executrix 9 Dec., 1598.

Inventory of the goods &c. of Edward Clegg of Stenerbothome in the parish of Rachdall co. Lanc. deceased, priced by Robert Wolstenholme, William Kirshaye of Morode, Rauffe Clegg, and John Scolefeilde the 5th Dec., 1598.

Kine, heifers, household goods, &c. - - Total 38[li] 2[s] 6[d].

THE WILL OF MARGARET SPENSER[1] OF HURSTWOOD, NEAR BURNLEY, CO. LANC., WIDOW. 1605.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 11 April 1602. I MARGARET SPENSER of Hurstwood co. Lanc., widow. My body to Christian burial in the church of Brunley. She gives money to the poor of Brunley to be distributed the first Good Friday after her decease. She mentions Isabel Halsted daughter to John Halsted of High Halsted deceased, John Halsted of Highe Halstead, Alice now wife of the said John, John, Isabel, Anne and Elizabeth Halsted, children of the said John Halsted,

[1] See note on p. 5.

Robert, Henry, and Thomas Halsted, sons of John Halsted deceased, Alice Nutter now wife of Henry Nutter, Mary, Margaret, and ffrances Nutter daughters of the said Henry, Edmund Spenser son and heir of John Spenser, deceased,—to him "all my manure or worthinge,"[1] Henry Spencer base son of John Spenser, Nicholas Towne and Grace Towne now his wife—"one churn one Masheknoppe"[2]—Mary Spenser daughter of John Spenser deceased, Richard Cowcrofte to whom I am Aunt, Henry Cowcrofte of Birchecliffe, John Spenser, of Hurstwood, Ellinor now his wife, Edmund Spenser son of the said John Spenser, John Hurstwood and Alice Hurstwood, Ellen Ryley my maidservant, Thomas Claton, William Cowcrofte of Mayroid, Easter Mitchell, Eleanor Townley now wife of John Towneley, John, Bernard, Mary, Agnes, and Jane Townley, sons and daughters of the said John Townley, Anne Banester widow "one chandler or candlestick," Ellen Banester daughter of Henry Banester deceased, John, Christopher, William, Ellen, Margaret, Anne and Elizabeth Botheman, sons and daughters of John Botheman, John Cowcrofte of Burlees, Ellen now wife of Richard Smith, to Margaret Nutter daughter of Henry one "Quishingrawe"[3] to James Tattersall, Robert Halsted and Elizabeth now wife of Oliver Ryley "to whom I am godmother xij^{d} each," Henry ffarrer, Alice Cowcrofte widow, Ambrose Barcrofte, John Townley, Henry Wilkinson, Isabel Halsted daughter to John Halsted deceased, Isabel Spenser base daughter of John Spenser, Robert ffairebank. The rest of my goods to John Townley and John Spenser and I appoint them executors.

Witnesses—John Ingham, John Bootheman, Henry Wilkinson, Nicholas Towne.

[1] The use of this old word "worthing," meaning manure, is noteworthy. The arms of the old Lancashire family of Worthington bear three "dung-forks," showing that this word was well known in Lancashire.

[2] A "knop" was a large tub, and a "mash-knop" would be a large tub used for preparing "mash," a mixture of malt and bran, for horses and cattle.

[3] A "quishin" was an old way of writing "cushion," but I cannot explain the meaning of the word used in the text.

Endorsed—

Commission to be graunted to Thomas Ryley, Curat of Burneley.

[Proved before him 20th Oct., 1605.]

Inventory taken 12 June 1605. Total £24 18s 10d.

THE WILL OF ANTHONY MOSLEY[1] OF MANCHESTER, CO. LANC., CLOTHIER. 1607.

"IN the name of God, Amen, the 18th November 1606. I ANTHONIE MOSLEY of Manchester co. Lanc. Clothier. My body to Christian burial within the parish church of Manchester. Alis my wife to occupy and enjoy the third part of all my lands, tenements &c. for her life in recompense of her dower and also to enjoy one other third part of the same during her widowhood, for and towards the maintenance of all my younger children until they shall accomplish the age of 21 years. Oswald Mosley my son and heir apparent shall enjoy the said third part of my said lands &c. after the death or marriage of my said wife towards the bringing up of my said younger children until they are 21. And I bequeath the remaining third part of all my lands &c. and the reversion of the other two parts to the said Oswald Mosley my son and heir apparent and to his heirs male. Remainder to Francis Mosley my second son and his heirs male. Remainder to Edward Mosley my third son and his heirs male.

[1] Anthony Mosley of Manchester, clothier, was the third son of Edward Mosley of Houghend, gent., who died in 1571, and the younger brother of Sir Nicholas Mosley, knt., lord of the manor of Manchester. He was buried at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, on the 27th March, 1607, being about 70 years of age. (See *Manchester Court Leet Records*, vol. ii. p. 225.)

Remainder to Richard Mosley my fourth son and his heirs male. Remainder to Rowland Mosley my youngest son and his heirs male. Remainder to Oswald Mosley my youngest brother and his heirs male. Remainder to Sr Nicholas Mosley, knt. my eldest brother and his heirs male, with remainder to my right heirs. My debts and funeral charges to be paid, the remainder to be divided into three equall parts, one third part to Alis my wife, and whereas I have delivered to my son Francis Mosley £100 in part of his filial portion and likewise have covenanted with Richard Nugent to give £300 to the said Richard for the preferment of Ellin my daughter in marriage with Walter Nugent son of the said Richard, I will that the said Francis and Ellin shall divide with the rest of my younger children in one other third part of my said goods &c. such sums as they have received being allowed by the said Francis and Ellen. The last third part I reserve to myself for legacies. Each of my seven children's share to be £300 and what is wanting to make up this amount to come out of my share.

"Also it is my will that the right worshipful Sr Edmund Trafford, Sir Nicholas Mosley, Knights, and Richard Holland, Esquire, and all others the worshipful and men of ability of and in Manchester will procure that a sum of £1500 may be had and obtained amongst them for the building of an Almshouse of five bays within the town of Manchester in some convenient place at and by the appointment of the said Sr Edmund Trafford &c. and likewise for the purchasing of lands to belong to the said Almshouse for the maintenance of 40, 50, or 60 persons within the said town or parish born that shall be aged impotent &c., and if the same be done within the space of one year next after my decease, then my will is and I do bequeath the sum of £500 towards the erecting of the said Almshouse and purchase of lands for the maintenance thereof, the said £500 not to be parcel of the £1500 to be collected as aforesaid, but besides the same and also provided the same be effected within the space of one year next after my decease, otherwise it is my will

that the said £500 shall be put forth by my executor and overseers at the rate of 8 pounds per hundred from yeare to yeare for 10 years which will amount yearly to 40 pounds taking good security for the same and the said 40 pounds to be bestowed by my executor and overseers as followeth, towards the repairing of the parish part belonging to the parish church of Manchester upon the leads, glass windows, whiteing or plastering of the same, 5 pounds yearly during the said 10 years, to poor schollars going out of the free schooles of Manchester, Middleton, or Ratchdale to either Universitie at the discretion of my executor and overseer the sum of five pounds [yearly] during the said ten years. And towards the repairing of bridges and highways within the town and parish of Manchester and especially near unto the said town, ten pounds yearly during the said 10 years. And towards the relief of the poor within the towns of Manchester and Salford in fuel, money or apparel ten pounds yearly during the same ten years. And to such poor folks as are next of kindred unto me the said Anthony Mosley and Ales my wife five pounds yearly during the same 10 years. And towards the relief of the poor of the township of Ratchdale in money, fuel or apparel yearly during the same ten years five pounds.

"And after the expiration of the said ten years then my will is that my executor shall take into his hands the said sum of 500 pounds which sum I will to be bestowed upon five of my youngest children to wit, Ales, Edward, Richard, Anne and Rowland Mosley equally amongst them at such times as my daughters shall severally come to marriage and as my sons shall accomplish the age of 21 years. And if any of my said five younger children decease before their marriage or coming of age, then I give his or her portion of the said 500 pounds to Oswald Mosley my eldest son, who, my will is shall have the use of the said 500 pounds until the marriage of my said daughters or the coming of age of my said sons, he allowing them each 5 pounds a year. Also I will that 100 pounds shall be bestowed for my funeral in mourning apparel upon my wife, children, and

kinsfolk. And I will that out of the said charges, Robert Leigh the elder of Manchester, singing man, and Robert Bowker and William Bowker my walke millers shall every of them have a cloak of 10 or 11 shillings the yard and that Thomas Leeze of Hoolme, Hughe Warrin and Thomas the son of John Shelmerdine shall every of them have a coat of the same price. To every of my servants dwelling with me at the time of my death 40^{s} each. Also I will that there be a dinner prepared and a dealing to the poor viz 2^{d} a piece to such as come to my funeral. Also my will is that Mr William Leigh pson of Standish shall make my funeral sermon, and to have xx^{s} for his pains. All these out of the said 100 pounds. All the rest of my goods and chattels to Oswald Mosley my son and heir and I appoint him sole executor. And I desire my loving nephews Rowland Mosley and Edward Mosley, Esquires, to be overseers.

(Signed) By mee ANTHONIE MOSLEY."

"In the presence of
Nicholas Mosley, Lawrance Langley, Robert Leigh."

[Proved at Chester, 30 April, 1607.]

An Inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels &c. of Anthonie Mosley of Manchester now deceased taken and appreised 28 March 1607, by Francis Pendleton, Adam Hulme, John Sl[a]ter and William Sparke.

In the hall.
In the parlor.
In the kitchen.
In the Chamber over the hall.
In the Chamber over the parlor.
In the Chamber over the kitchen.
In the Chamber over the warehouse.
In the brewhouse and the Chamber over it.
In the bolting chamber and an upper loft.

In the cellars.
In plate - - - total xxij^{li} iij^{s} vij^{d}
Itm. xxx hoopes of Barley at ij^{s} vj^{d} the hoope - iij^{li} xv^{s}
In a howse and barne at Collihurste.

Cloth at home and abroad.

In the warehouse at home.

Imp^{r}mis 70 pieces of broad whites readye dressed at xlvij^{s} the peece - - -	164^{li}	x^{s}	
Itm. xxxviij graies at xxx^{s} the peece -	lvij^{li}		
Itm. xiij Cottons at xxxij^{s} the peece - -	xx^{li}	xvj^{s}	
Itm. one black Cotton - - - -		xxx^{s}	
Itm. xxj peeces of Rett (?) Canvas - -	x^{li}	x^{s}	
Itm. a table with tressels and lose bords under the Cloth - - - - -		x^{s}	
Itm. beame and scales wth leaden weights -		viij^{s}	
	255^{li}	4^{s}	
At Robert Bowkers.			
Itm. xlvj broad whites at xlvj^{s} viij^{d} the peece - - - - - - - -	107^{li}	6^{s}	8^{d}
Itm. xxxiiij graies at xxx^{s} the peece - -	l^{li}		
	158^{li}	6^{s}	8^{d}
At Roger Naydens Mylne.			
Itm. xxx graies at xxx^{s} the peece - -	xlv^{li}		
At William Wardleworths mylne.			
Itm. vj Cottons & one graie - - -	x^{li}	x^{s}	
At John Heywards mylne.			
Itm. vij graies at xxx^{s} the peece - -	x^{li}	x^{s}	

Sum total 582^{li} 15^{s} 2^{d}

Debts sperate[1] owing to Anthonie Mosley deceased the xxvth of March 1607.

Mr Reddiche and others by bonds - -	144^{li}	16^{s}

[1] "Desperate debts" were what are now called "bad debts," not likely to be recovered. "Sperate debts" were those of persons likely to pay up in due time.

Mr John Hyde and John Valentyne - -	102li	xs	
Mr Gerrard parson of Stopport - - -	15li	vjs	vjd
George Syddall of the Slade - - -	010li		
Oswald Mosley and ffrancis Locker - -	080li		
Mr Rowland Mosley Esq. - - - -	016li		
Thomas Ryle mercer - - - -	003li		
James Turner - - - - - -	001li	04s	
Thurstan Locker - - - - -	008li		
Adam Hulme - - - - - -	015li	xs	
Mr Hoult of Ashworth - - - -	010li		
George Proudloves - - - - -	ijli		
Richard Downes carrier - - - -	ijli		
William Brooke and others - - -	4li		
Money putt into stock p table wth ffrancis Locker by Indentures - - - -	850li		
	1264li	07s	06d
In household stuffe & Clothe - - -	591li	15s	2d
	1856	02	08d
In readie money - - - - -	113	13	02

Debts desperate.

Thomas Rudd xviijli. Thomas Corke ijli xs. The Executor of Thomas Birch and Jane Mosse 06li.

[Exhibited 23 Oct., 1607.]

THE WILL OF RALPH RYLANDS OF KIRKBY,[1] CO. LANCASTER, YEOMAN. 1615.

IN the name of God, Amen, 12th Oct. 1615. RAPHE RYLANCE[2] of Kirkeby, co. Lanc., yeoman. To be buried in the Chapel of Kirkeby. My debts to be paid. The rest of my goods to be divided into three parts, one part to myself, the second part to my wife, and the third part to my younger children, viz.: Nicholas, Edward, William, Elline, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Margrett, A[n]ne and Cyciley. My wife and my eldest son John executors.

William Rylance indebted to the testator £4.

The Inventory of the testator's personal estate amounts to £271 : 16 : 11.

[Proved at Chester, 30 October, 1615, by the executors.]

THE WILL OF ROBERT HESKETH[3] OF RUFFORD, ESQ. 1620.[4]

"IN the name of God Amen September viijth 1620. I ROBERT HESKETH of Rufforth within the Countie of Lanc. Esquire

[1] The Rylands' of Kirkby, in the parish of Walton-on-the-Hill, were a respectable family of yeomen, most probably an offshoot of the family, which for many centuries was settled at Westhoughton in the parish of Deane. (See the new edition of Baines' *Lancashire*, vol. iii. p. 160, where a pedigree of this latter family is given.)

[2] Rylance is merely a corrupt spelling from the local pronunciation.

[3] This Robert Hesketh was the eldest son and heir of Sir Thomas Hesketh of Rufford, knt., and had succeeded his father in the possession of the family estates in 1588. He married (1) Mary, daughter of Sir George Stanley, knt., (2) Blanch, daughter and co-heir of Henry Twiford of Kenwick, co. Salop (relict of William Stopford of Bispham), and (3) Jane, daughter of Thomas Spencer (and relict of . . . Harsnape), who, after his death, married Sir Richard Hoghton of Hoghton, knight and bart. Robert Hesketh, Esq., died 7th Nov., 1620. He had issue by his first wife, and also by his third wife, some of the latter being illegitimate, having been born before marriage.

[4] This will has been copied in full.

beinge in p'fect health and memory thankes be given to God doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge That is to saie first and principally I give and bequeath my soule to almightie god my Maker and redeemer trustinge to be saved through the mercie and pretious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and my soule to be p'taker of the Kingdome of Heaven and my bodie to be buried within the Chauncell of the Chappell at Rufforth as neare to my father as may bee If I doe Die within the Countie of Lanc. Itm̃ I doe give unto my wife Jane Hesketh my demesne house and all the housing thereunto belonginge at Martholme together with all my Demesne Lande at Martholme and Harwood as now they are occupied with other my Lands and Tenem^{ts} in Harwood and Tottleworth with free libertie to digge delve and gett any manner of Coles or other Mynes within the said Lordshippes without ympeachm^{te} of any manner of wast Itm̃ I Doe give unto my said Wife all my Lands in Modesley duringe her life as p'te of her ioyneture with all proffitts thereunto belonginge Itm̃ I doe give unto my said wife Jane Hesketh all my lands in Wrightington and Shevington for the tearm of her life with all Cole Mynes in either of the said Lands and to search for any Coles or other Mynes in either Wrightington or Shevington and to make her best proffitt thereof at her will and pleasure without ympeachment of any manner of wast, payeinge therefore yearely unto my Daughter, Jane Reignolds xx^{li} yf shee will peaceably and quietly avoyde from the possession of my houses and Lands in Kenwicke and other Lands in that County, which I have given unto my sonne Cuthbert alreadie, and yf shee refuse soe to doe then the payment of xx^{li} to surcease and to receave nothinge by this my Will unlesse my Wife and shee can otherwise agree and my Daughter Jane, to have the same, but for tearme of her life. Itm̃ yf my sonnes or any of them doe stoppe and hinder my wife from the occupac̃on of her Ioyneture or any p'te thereof, soe that shee cannott peaceably use the same to her best proffitt and advantage Then I doe give unto my wife and her three daughters

Jane, Holcrofte, and Anne,[1] all my lands in Wrightington and Shevington, to them and their heires, for ever absolutely without any manner of Condicon.

"Itm I doe give unto Jane, Holcrofte, and Anne[1] my wifes three daughters my lease of the Tieth of Rufforth and also I do give my p'te of all my goods and Chattells to the said Jane, Holcrofte, and Anne my said Wifes Daughters towards their preferments and the two other p'ts one p'te to my wife and the third p'te to bee devided amongest my Children. Itm̃ I Doe give unto Robert Hesketh sonne unto John Hesketh which was one of my younger sonnes iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} to be paid yearely out of all my lands in Longton and for want of payment to distreane of any p'te of the same lands. Itm̃ I doe Constitute ordeyne and make my welbeloved wife Jane Hesketh sole executrix hopinge that shee will see this my last Will pformed as my trust is in her and I do make ov'seers of this my last will and testament my good brother Mr Mathew Dodsworth, Chauncellor at Yorke, Thomas Stanley and Richard Shuttleworth, Esquires, and Roger Dodsworth,[2] one other of my sonnes in lawe, ov'seers of this my last Will and testament, hopeing that they will assist my poore wife and her Children, not to bee wronged and I doe give ev'y of them, a geldinge or mare at their own choice. Itm̃ my Will and mynde is that shee shall have halfe a yeare to remove her goods from Rufforth without stoppe or lett and yf shee bee letted[3] that shee cannott by any my sonnes or by any by their procuremts remove the same goods Then I doe give all the houses and demesnes of Rufforth unto my said wife Jane at Rufforth for vj yeres. Itm̃ yt is not my will that any blacks shall be given but unto my sonnes and daughters but I would

[1] These are three of the children born before marriage, and here described as "my wife's three daughters."

[2] This was Roger Dodsworth, the antiquary, who had married Holcroft, the eldest daughter of the testator by his first wife.

[3] That is "hindered," the word "let" meaning to hinder or stop.

have the poore people to have Clokes and gownes to pray for mee.

ROBERT HESKETH."

"Debts which I doe owe.

Itē to Willm̃ Crooke - - - - - -	xx^{li}
John Brekell - - - - - - -	v^{li}
Robte Dandy - - - - - - -	v^{li}
John Sutton - - - - - - -	v^{li}

I did thinke to have stopped this in when I should make leases to them.

This is my my Will and all other Wills but this I Doe revoke.—Henry Hesketh—Robert Hesketh—Willm̃ Mawdesley—Tristram Knowles—Henry Knowles—John Stopforth."

[Proved at Chester, 22 December, 1620, by Jane the relict and executrix.]

THE WILL OF WILLIAM MOSIER[1] OF MANCHESTER CO. LANC. CHAPMAN.[2] 1621.

"IN the name of god Amen The Nyne and twentieth Day of September in the yeare of our Lorde Christ 1620. I WILLIAM MOSYER of Manchester in the Countye of Lancaster Chapman beinge sicke in bodye but of pfect mynd and good

[1] This William Mosier is described in 1614-15 as a "silk-weaver," and in 1619 as a "gentleman," whilst in his will he calls himself a "chapman," or general dealer. It is probable that his brothers mentioned in this will lived in London, and that he had settled in Manchester in order to carry on business there. This is the only Mosier will to be found at Chester down to 1823, showing that the name was not a Lancashire or Cheshire one.

[2] This will has been copied in full.

Remembrance prayse bee vnto Allmightye God for yt, Do make Constitute and Declare this my last Will and Testament in Wryteinge in Manner and fforme ffolloweinge, ffirst I Doe willinglye and freelye Render and geve vpp my Soule into the hands of Allmightie God and Commend my Bodie to the Earth from whence yt Came there to bee Buryed in Christian Buryall. Allsoe my mynd is and I will that all such Debts and Duetyes wch I owe of Right to any pson or psons bee well and truelye satisfyed and payed by my Executor hereafter named. And after my Debts payed and my ffunerall Expenes Discharged I will that all my Goods Cattells and Debts shalbe Devyded into three equall ptes whereof I will that Tomasin my wief shall have one of the said three equall ptes of all my said goods and Cattells to her owne proper vse in the name of her purptye and Reasonable parte to her of all my said Goods Cattells and Debts. And the seacond Equall parte of all my said goods Cattells and Debts whatsoever my will is, to be Devyded into three equall ptes whereof my will and mynde is and I bequeath one of the said three last named ptes of the said seacond equall pte to John Mosyer my Sonne to be Deliu'ed vnto him when he shall Accomplish and Come to the full Age of one and twentye yeares, and the said other two ptes of the said seacond equall pte of all my said goods Cattells and Debtes I will and Bequeath to Marye Mosier my Daughter to be Deliu'ed vnto her when shee shall Accomplish the Age of Seaventeene yeares. And if yt shall soe fall out that my said Sonne John Mosier shall Dye before he Accomplish the Age of one and twentye yeares, or that my said Daughter Marye Mosier Doe Dye before shee Accomplish the Age of Seaventeene yeares that then I bequeath and geue his or her parte soe Dyinge to the other of them survyvinge to be Deliu'ed vnto them when they shall respectively Accomplish their said Ages of one and twentye yeares and Seaventeene yeares. And my will is and I Doe nominate and Appointe Tomasin my said wief for sole Gardian of my said Sonne John Mosier and of all the Coppihold Lands that shall

Discend and Accrue vnto him after my Decease vntill my said Sonne shall Accomplish the Age of one and twentye yeares. And allsoe I will that Tomasin my said wief shall have the sole and whole Imployment of my said Childrens Porc̃ons hearein by mee before vnto them bequeathed to and for her owne proper vse and benefitt vnto the Accomplishment of their seu'all Ages aforenamed.

"And for and Concerninge the said thirde equall pte of all my said goods Cattells and Debts I Reserve vnto my Executor therewith to pforme my legacyes and bequests heareafter specyfyed That is to say, I give will and bequeath vnto the Church wardens of the pishe of Manc' and their successors Tenne Pounds of lawefull Money of England to be by them the said Church wardens of the said Parish of Manchester and their Successors for ever ymployed in trust to and for the best bennefitt and proffitt that yearely may bee made by their faithfull Imployment of the same for and to the vse mainetenance and relief of the Aged impotent and poore People within the said Parish of Manchester, and especyally of those w^th^in the Towne of Manchester and to noe other vse or Imployment whatsoeu'. And that the said Church wardens, and their Successors shall Distribute and geue yearely the sayed Benefite and proffitt that shall accrue and come by their Imployment of the said Tenne pounds vnto the Aged Impotent and poore people of the saide Parish of Manchester, and most especyallye to those of the Towne of Manchester att the ffeast of St Michaell the Archangell for ever. Allsoe I give vnto the Church wardens of the said Parish of Manchester and to their Successors for and to the onelye vse of the Parishions of the said Parish of Manchester my Bookes of Acts and Monuments[1] Contayned in twoe volumes penned by Mr. John ffoxe to be placed vpon a standinge Doble Deske in the said Church of Manchester and to be grated over with grates of Iron so that

[1] This bequest of Fox's Book of Martyrs to the church of Manchester, to be kept there as a "chained book," is one of much interest.

the Readers of the same may easilye turne over the leaves thereof and nott take nor Remove the said volumes out from their said places.

"Alsoe I give to my mother a peece of gould of Twoe and twentye shillings in token of my love. Allsoe I give to my brother John Mosyer my best gowne. Allsoe I give vnto my said brother his now wief a peece of goulde of Eleaven shillings. Allso I bequeath to my brother Thomas Mosyer my Booke of English Concordants and my booke of Statutes. Itm. I give to my brother Steven Mosyer my Citterne[1] and my Booke called Calvins Harmonye. Allsoe I will and bequeath to my brother George Mosyer twentye shillings. Allsoe I give to my Sister Anne Ramney twentye shillings. Allsoe I bequeath to my brother Thomas Rode and his wief a peece of gould of twoe and twentye shillings. Allsoe I give vnto my Servant Richard Meare Three Pounds in money. Lykewise I bequeath to Anne Mather my Servant if shee shall Contynue my Servant vntill my Death Twentye Shillings. The Residue of all my Goods Cattels and Debts after my Debts be payed my ffunerall Expencs pformed and these my legasyes Contayned in this my p^r^sent Will and Testament fulfilled I whollye give and bequeath to Tomasin my said wief and allsoe I give vnto my said wief one Lease for yeares wch I have of a parte of a House Called the Globe in Newfishstrete in London. And lykewise my will and Minde is, and as my last Request I Desyer my Brothers John Mosyer Thomas Mosier and Steven Mosier to Admitt my said wief to be Joint partner with them in theire Tradinges and Commersings and to Contynue my Stocke and Money wch now Remayneth in their hands to be Imployed by them for and Dueringe the Terme of ffower yeares next after my Decease geveinge and Alloweinge vnto Tomasin my said wief yearely Dueringe the sayed Terme soe much gayne and proffitt as shallbee proportionable for my said Stocke and money imployed by them, they onely to Deducte out of my wifes said gaine and

[1] A "citterne" was a musical instrument like a guitar.

proffitt yearely Ducringe the said Terme tenne Poundes to their owne vse in liewe of my labour and Imployment that shalbee awantinge vnto them and att the end of the said ffower yeares to Deliver vpp all my said Stocke and money vnto Tomasin my said wief.

"And if my said Brothers shall Dislyke to Admitt my said wief to be Joint partner with them for and Dureinge the Terme of yeares aforesaid and in manner aforesaid then my mynd and will is that they would Admitt my said wief to be Joint partner with them in their said Tradings for the space of twoe yeares next after my Decease they alloweinge vnto my said wief for the gaine and proffitt that shall belonge to her ffyftye poundes yearely Dueringe the said Terme of Twoe yeares for the Maynetcñnce of her self her Children and Servaunts and att the End of the said Terme of Twoe yeares they to Deliver vpp vnto my saide wief all my said Stocke and money nowe Remayneinge wth them in their Imployment. And of this my last will and Testament I make and ordayne Tomasin my said wief my sole Executor. And I vtterly Revoke and Adnull all and eu'ye other former Testaments wills and bequests Executo^rs^ and overseers by me in any wise before this tyme named willed and Bequeathed. These psons whose names are heere vnder wrytten beinge herevnto witnesses.

WILLIAM MOSYER.

Charles Haworth. John Whitworth.
Henry Kelie. John Lowndes."

[A copy of the will on parchment.]

Endorsed on the back of the will—Will with Inventory of the goods of William Mosier late of Manchester, deceased, proved 21 June 1621, and Administration granted to the sole Executor in the will named.

[No Inventory now preserved with the will.]

THE WILL OF JANE KERSHAWE OF CLEGGSWOOD BANK, PARISH OF ROCHDALE, CO. LANC., WIDOW. 1621.

IN the name of God, Amen, 6 March 1620[-1]. I JANE KERSHAWE of Cleggswood Banke in the parish of Rachedale co. Lanc. widow. My body to be buried in my parish churchyard at Rachedale, or where it shall please god to appoint. I give to my natural brother Richard Clegge £14 to be paid to Robert Ogden of Rachdale, and he to pay it to my brother as he hath need. To John Clegge son of Richard Clegge £4. To Jane Ogden wife of Robert Ogden of Rachdale £10. To Marye Clegge daughter of Richard Clegge 20s and a rayment of clothes. To Alice Nuttall my sister 40s and my best bed, with a raiment of clothes. To Charles Nuttall my sister's son 20s. To Henry Nuttall £4. To William Nuttall 33s 4d. To Samuel Nuttall 20s. To Grace Butterworth daughter of Edmund Butterworth of Rachdall £10. To Michael Scolefeld son of Edward Scolefeld of Caliards 20s. To Jane Kershawe daughter of James Kershawe late of Fernbedd, deceased, 20s. To Robert Scolefeld, John Scolefeld, Jane Scolefeld, and Mary Scolefeld, sons and daughters of Robert Scolefeld late of Litlebrough, deceased, 40s equally amongst them. To Jane Hill daughter of James Hill of Windybanke 6s 8d. To Alexander Clegge of Ashbroughhey 3s. To Jane Concliffe my servant 2s. To Joseph Whithead son of Abraham Whithead, deceased, 6s 8d. To Jane Scolefeld, daughter of Henry Scolefeld, deceased, 5s. To Richard Haslome of Sterringe 20s. To my servant Thomas Greave my best bed except one. I make Thomas Horrocks, blacksmith, and Thomas Greave my servant, executors of this my last will. All the residue of my goods, &c., after my quiddes,[1] debts, and funeral

[1] This curious word is probably meant for "quits" or "quittances," meaning liabilities, debts, &c. I have not met with it elsewhere, nor does it occur in any of the dictionaries of archaic words, which I have consulted.

expences discharged, I give to Thomas Horrocks and Thomas Greave my said executors equally between them, and I request James Hellywell of Pikehowse, and Richard Lightowlers of Windybanke to be overseers hereof.

Witnesses—Robert Newall, Josua Belfeld.

Debts owing to the Testatrix without specialty.

James Brearlye	3li		
James Hill	17li		
John Wolstenholme	3li		
The wife of Robert Scolefeld		30s	
Thomas Shore		10s	
James Hill of Wind with [his] wife		8s	
John Heyld		20s	3d
Arthur Whithead		12s	10d
Edmund Whithead and wife, and Robert Newall		5s	
Joseph Marcroft		3s	4d
Widow Browne		3s	4d
James Chadwicke		3s	
Alexander Kershawe of Gorsehills		9s	
Thomas Wyld		2s	
Robert Romesden		4s	
Maistris Belfeld		20s	

Debts owing to her with specialty.

John Clegge	16li		
John Wolstenholme	6li		
Francis Warberton	11li		
Robert Walkeden the elder	7li		
Arthur Whithead	7li		
Alexander Turnaughe	4li		
The wife of Robert Scolefeld	4li	13s	4d

[All the debts are here copied.]

[Proved at Chester, 1 May, 1621, by the executors.]

Inventory taken 27 March, 1621, by James Hellywell, James Stotte, William Kershawe, and Richard Taylor.

Household goods, &c.

(No total given.)

THE WILL OF THOMAS COLLER,[1] CLERK, RECTOR OF MALPAS, CO. CHESTER, 1623.

IN the name of God, Amen, Sep. 5, 1623. I THOMAS COLLER, Clerk, Parson of Malpas, co. Chester. My body to be buried in the Chancel of the Church of Malpas. I bequeath to my grandchild Thomas Dod £40 to be praised and paid out of the house of Haugh and lands in Malpas, Wigland, and Bradley, according to power formerly reserved to me to charge the same with any sum not exceeding £40. To my grandchild Margaret Dod £100 to be paid out of my debts. To the said Margaret Dod all my household stuff, viz., silver spoons, plate, brass, pewter, bedding, linen, woollen, napery, tables, forms, &c., and all my kine, except two. To my cosin Adam Coller in recompense of his pains £10. To my cosin Jane Coller being my god-daughter £5. To my cosen Joan Coller wife of my cosen Adam Coller two of my best kine. To my cosen Margaret Sedall wife of Francis Sedall of Hoome 40s. To Ellen Eaton my cosin being wife of George Eaton 40s. To my cosin Alice sister to Adam Coller

[1] The following is the entry of the burial of this rector in the Malpas register:—"Thomas Coller, clerke, Parson of the Lower Rectorie of Malepas, buryed (in the chancell betweene the whit stone where vnder his daughter lyeth & the stone where vnder Sr Roger Brereton, knight, lyeth) the xxvjth daye of September, 1623." His wife was buried at Malpas, 12th June, 1615. The daughter mentioned in the first of the above entries was Thomasine, the first wife of the Rev. Thomas Dod, D.D., rector of Astbury, archdeacon of Richmond, &c., to whom she was married at Malpas, 2nd October, 1604. This will explain many of the bequests in the will.

40s. To my cosin Jane Lloyd of Malpas 40s. To my cosin Grace Vnnion wife of Thomas Vnnion 40s. To my servant Thomasin Browne, if in my service at my death, £10. To the poor householders of the parish of Malpas £10. To my grand-child John Dod my advowson of Swetnam, for his better preferment, and all my books. To my servant Thomas Yeandley 20s. To my cosin Henry Towres of Hoome 10s. I ordain William Hassall of Alkington, co. Salop, gent., sole executor of this my will, and I appoint my cosin Adam Coller my overseer. To my trusty friend the said William Hassall 40s. The remainder of my goods, &c., to my grand-children John Dod and Margaret Dod.

THOMAS COLLER.

My wearing apparel to be divided between Robert Corles and John Penkeman.

Witnesses—Robt. Goddard, Thos. Ridgeway, Adam Coller, Tho. Dod.

[Proved at Chester, 6 Oct., 1623, by Thomas Dod, clerk, the executor having renounced.]

Inventory of all the goods, &c., of Thomas Coller, Parson of Malpas, co. Chester, clerk, deceased, taken the 4 Oct., 1623, by Adam Coller, Thomas Tomkine, James Dodd, and John Jenings *alias* Golbornne, of the said town and county, yeomen.

Household goods, &c.

Item. Armour for a man's body, two small pieces and one sword with a girdle - -	1li	10s	0d
It. his liberrarie of bookes and all other odd things in the study - - - -	5li		
The advowson of Swetnam prised at - -	50li		
Debts owing to decedent for money lent and tithes - - - - - - - -	218li	7s	6d

In money and gold - - - - -	49li	10s	0d
Total of Inventory - -	462li	3s	1d

[Exhibited 3 Nov., 1625.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS WAINWRIGHT[1] OF LIVERPOOL, CLERK. 1625.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 26 June 1625. I THOMAS WAINEWRIGHT, of Leverpoole, co. Lanc., clarke. My bodie to be buried wthin the Chappell of or ladie and Sct Nicholas under the Communion table there. To Ellenor Blinston daughter of Willm Blinston my standinge bed whereon I now lie. Item, I give unto the said Elenor one truncke wth all things therein contained, viz., one paire of saten breeches and one paire of branched taffetie breeches, one velvet Jerkin wch wanteth sleeves together wth all the silver and gould wch is therein. Item to the said Elenor Blinston my carved deske and my lesser bible. To Ellen Oakell my sister my truncke standinge neere unto my studie containing one paire of truncke breeches blacke, wth my second gowne and my best cloake but one. To John Oakell my sisters son six white books, viz., Dodd upon the 13th and 14th of Proverbs, practise of preachinge, a comentarie upon the Epistle of St Paule, the exposicon of the psalmes, Chrisostomes sermons, a discourse of the revelacõn of St John. To my sister Cicelie Blinston my best gowne and best cloake. To

[1] As appears by Sir James Picton's *Liverpool Records*, Thomas Wainwright was "elected and admitted to be minister here" by the corporation of that town on the 31st October, 1598. In the following year it was ordered "that Sr Thomas Wainewrighte shall kepe schole here untill God sende us some sufficient learned man, and noe longer," which is hardly complimentary to Mr. Wainwright's learning or his ability to teach. He remained curate of Liverpool till his death in 1625.

Richard Blinston my best bible and my third cloake. To Godfray Wainewright my halfe brother one chest wth one paire of breeches one Jerkin and one doublet. To Thomas Wainewright his sonne two books, viz., ꝑkins upon the Creede and Synopsis papismi. To Alice Barker my old cassocke and my old hatt. To Mr. John Moore of Banke hall my watch. Item, I give and bequeath to M^{ris} Darbie one booke called Attersale upon the acts. To Thomas Rose sonne of Richard Rose my little testament. To Humfrey Claiton one booke called balacke and balam. To Mr Hyatt[1] clerke one booke called fulke upon the Remish Testament upon condicon that he preach my funerall sermon. To Mr Atherton Schoolem^{r} one booke called the homilies of John. To the poore of this towne 5^{s} to be distributed at the discretion of John Kirkes. To Ellenor Blinston my best hatt wch is lyned wth velvet. To Anne Wainewright wife of Godfrey Wainewright my best ruffe band. Item, To Alice Wainewright wife of John Wainewright my second hatt, one paire of woollen knit stockings and also one ruffe band. To Richard Wainewright and Richard Blinston all the rest and residue of all my goods, chattles, and wages, which may be due unto me either from the towne of Leverpoole or from the Kinge for servinge the cure at Leverpoole aforesaid, and I make them the said Richard Wainewright and Richard Blinston my Executors.

By me THOMAS WAINEWRIGHT.

[Proved at Chester as the will of Thomas Wainewright, clerk, Curate of Liverpool, 17 Oct., 1625.]

Inventory of the goods of Thomas Wainewright late of Liverpoole, co. Lanc. clarke, deceased, taken 13 July 1625. In books - - - - - - - - - - viij^{li}

Total - - 31^{li} 5^{s}

[1] Mr. James Hyatt, B.D., had been appointed "preacher of God's Word" at Liverpool, on the 20th October, 1622.

THE WILL OF RICHARD MOSLEY[1] OF MANCHESTER, CO. LANC., CLOTHIER. 1628.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 3rd Feb. 1627[-8]. I RICHARD MOSLEY, of Manchester, co. Lanc., clothier. My body to Christian burial. My funeral expences &c. to be taken out of my whole goods. I give £5 to be given to the poor of this town of Manchester, at my funeral. To my loving brothers Oswald Mosley of the Ancotes, Esq., and Francis Mosley of Manchester, clothier, £100, to be disposed of as they shall think fit during the life of Rowland Mosley my youngest brother, and after his death the said £100 to be paid to his child or children and if there be no such child, I give the said sum to the said Oswald and Francis equally between them. Also I give to my said loving brothers Oswald and Francis Mosley, the sum of £40, to be disposed of as they shall think fit during the life of my sister Ellen Shewell the wife of Henry Shewell of Tetlowe, and after her decease the said £40 to be paid to her child or children. To the said Rowland Mosley my youngest brother £40, and the bed whereon I lie. To my said sister Shewell £20. To my sister Anne £20. To Anne Cudworth daughter of my brother in law John Cudworth, gent £20. To my god-daughter Margaret Mosley daughter to my brother Oswald Mosley £10. To her sister my cozen Marye Mosley £5. To Edward Mosley and Oswald Mosley sons of my said brother Oswald Mosley £5 apiece. To Nicholas son of my brother Francis Mosley £10, and my best suit of apparel. To my cozen Anne Mosse £5. To my cozen Joan Mosse £5. To my brother Francis Mosley 20 marks to be by him equally

[1] Richard Mosley was the fifth son of Anthony Mosley of Ancoats, whose will has been printed on p. 15. He was baptized at the Collegiate church, Manchester, on the 10th August, 1597, and was buried there on the 7th February, 1627-8, unmarried.

divided between Alice Jaques, Isabel Jaques, Katherine Jaques and Edward Jaques, four of the children of John Jaques deceased. To my old true friend Francis Pendleton £10. All the residue of my goods to my brother Francis Mosley whom I make sole executor.

Witnesses—George Sorocould, Richard Mosley, Robert Worroll.

Signd John Gilliam.
Signd ffra. Pendleton.

[Proved at Chester, 17 March, 1627–8, by the executor.]

Inventory of the goods of Richard Mosley, deceased.

Household goods, apparel, &c. - - Total 19^{li} 0^{s} 8^{d}

(There are no names of appraisors, and the inventory is not dated).

THE WILL OF THOMAS CROMPTON OF BREIGHTMET, IN THE PARISH OF BOLTON IN THE MOORS, YEOMAN. 1628.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 22 Dec. 1627. I THOMAS CROMPTON, of Breightmet, in the parish of Bolton in the Mores, co. Lanc., yeoman. My body to Christian burial. And concerning my messuages, lands, &c., situate in Darcie Leaver co. Lanc. heretofore purchased of Richard ffogge gent., my will is, and I hereby devise all that messuage or cottage and garden with the appurtenances heretofore in the occupation of Lawrence ffogge gent, to John Greenhalgh and Lydia Holme my servants, and their heirs for ever. And concerning the rest and residue of my said lands it is my will and I give the same to my executors hereafter named for the term of 16 years next after

my decease, towards the maintenance and education of all the children of Lawrence Crompton my nephew lawfully begotten and to be begotten during the said term. And after the end of the said term of 16 years, I devise the same lands to the issue male of the said Lawrence Crompton and his heirs for ever. And for want of such issue it is my will that my Executors shall sell the same lands, and divide the money for which the same shall be sold equally amongst all the daughters of the said Lawrence Crompton. I give 10li to the minister or stipendarie preacher at Bolton, to be paid by my Executors by 10s a year for the term of 20 years after my decease towards the maintenance of such minister. I likewise give 3li 6s 8d to Richard Dickinson and John Allens to be imployed as they think fit towards the maintenance of a minister at Cockey Chapel. To my brother Ellice Crompton £5. To Raffe Whittell's wife £4. To the wife of Robert Crompton £4. To the wife of William Crompton £4. To the wife of Edmund Key £4. To Ellice Crompton my nephew £6. To John Crompton my nephew £4. To Adam Roscow of Deane parish £4. To the wife of Ellice Holden £4. To Thomas Carrell 40s together with all such money as he shall owe me at the time of my decease. To the wife of John Carlell 6s 8d. To every one of the children of the said John Carlell 6s 8d apiece. To Lawrence Carlell's children 6s 8d apiece. To Henry Morris of Leigh parish 3s 4d. To my nephew Lawrence Crompton £4. To my servant John Greenhalgh £5, together with the bed he lieth on and all the bedding and clothes belonging to the same, and all my apparel. To my servant Lydia Holme £5, together with the bed she lieth on and all the bedding and clothes belonging to the same, and the half of all wooden vessels in the house, the half of all earthen pots, also I give to her the Chimney[1] in the house, and my red heifer. To all those which I am godfather unto 12d apiece.

Whereas my neighbour James Crompton hath a note in his

[1] Moveable iron chimnies were in use at this time, by means of which the risk of fires in wooden houses was much lessened.

custody of certain goods given by my wife it is my will that the same goods be bestowed according to the contents of that note. To my nephew Lawrence Crompton's wife all the chairs and stools in my house, and the other half of all wooden vessels and earthen pots. To my said nephew Lawrence three arks in the barn, together with all implements of husbandry, three chests, and all the bedstocks (except those before given to my two servants), fuel, the stone trough at the draw well and the cheese press. To Mr Horrocks preacher at Deane 10s to preach at my burial. Whereas I enjoy two closes which I have taken of Mary Crompton, I hereby give the reversion of the same to Adam Crompton. To Myles Broxopp 10s. To Isabell Abbott 10s. To the poor of Breightmett 40s to be distributed at the discretion of James Crompton. It is my will that the great ark in the kitchen remain at the house as an heirloom for ever. To Lawrence Crompton my nephew a cow which is called Horrocks. The residue of my goods after my debts, &c., are discharged I give to my said brother Ellice Crompton and my two executors equally amongst them three. I ordain my executors the said Robert Crompton and Raffe Whittell.

Signum THOMAS CROMPTON.

Witnesses hereof—James Crompton, John Greenaulgh his m̃ke, Lidia Houlme her m̃rke.

Endorsed—

It is my will that if hereafter it fall that there want a stipendary minister at Boulton that the 10s yearly shall be given to the poor of Breightmett, Darcey Leaver, and Tonge for the remainder of the years.

Also there shall be bestowed "for my bringing forth"[1] £12, and if any be spared of the sum, then it is to be bestowed on the poor of Darcey Leaver, Tonge, and the Haulgh.

[1] See notes on pp. 4, 11, 12.

Witnesses—James Crompton, John Greenaulgh his m̃ke, Lidia Houlme her m̃ke.

[Proved at Chester, 2 Feb., 1627[-8].]

Inventory of all the goods, &c., which were Thomas Cromptons of Breightmett, the elder, late deceased, praised by us James Bradshawe, Thomas Crompton, John Crompton, and Henery Crompton, the 26th Jan., 1627[-8.]

Cattle, horses, corn, hay, houshold goods, &c.

[No total given.]

THE WILL OF JOHN CUDWORTH, SENIOR, OF WERNETH, CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1631.

IN the name of God, &c. I JOHN CUDWORTH senior, of Werneth in the parish of Oldham, co. Lanc. gent., 19 May, 1631. To be buried in my chapel in the church of Oldham. My debts to be paid, the chief being the sum of £100, wch I owe to my son and heir apparent John Cudworth. The residue of my goods to be divided into three parts whereof I will that Alice my wife shall have one part. The second part to my two sons Ralph Cudworth and Samuel Cudworth (in regard I have no more children unpreferred) and I desire my executor to have the disposition of the portion of my said son Ralph during his life and to find him meat, drink, lodging, &c., fitting to his estate and condition. The third part I reserve to myself to pay the following legacies. To my daughter Elizabeth now wife of Robert Parker 5*s*. To my daughter Susan now wife of John Soundeforth of Deanshutt, 5*s*. To the poor of Oldham £10, and towards the furtherance of the school of Oldham £10. The residue of my third part to my grandchildren John Cudworth, Jonas Cudworth,

Richard Cudworth, Anthony Cudworth, Thomas Cudworth, Anna Cudworth, and Francis Cudworth, sons and daughters of my said son and heir John Cudworth equally between them when 21 years of age.

I make my said son and heir John Cudworth, executor, and desire my friends Edmund Ashton and Edmund Hopwood Esq^rs to be overseers.

Witnesses—Isaac Allen, Josua Cudworth, Gerard Simkin.

MEMORANDUM—That John Cudworth of Werneth the testator did further declare that whereas certain legacies were given to divers of his children by the last will of Theophilus Asheton late of Clegg Esq. deceased, to be disposed at the discretion of him the said John Cudworth the testator. He the said John Cudworth hath heretofore in his lifetime disposed of the same for the preferment of his children according to the trust reposed in him by the said Theophilus Asheton, &c.

The same witnesses.

[Proved at Chester, 1 June, 1631.]

THE WILL OF JOHN SHELMERDINE THE ELDER, OF LOWER ARDWICK, CO. LANC., LINEN WEAVER. 1632.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 18 Nov., 1631. I JOHN SHELMERDYNE the elder of Lower Ardwicke, co. Lanc., Linen weaver. My body to Christian burial. Whereas I hold and enjoy the messuage or dwelling house with the appurtenances, and all the buildings, lands, &c., thereto belonging, situate in Ardwicke aforesaid, wherein and whereupon I now inhabit, during the term of 99 years (if Margaret my now wife, John Shelmerdine and Robert Shelmerdine my sons or any of

them so long live, under the yearly rent of 4*s.* 10*d.* payable and reserved to Thomas Chernocke of Astley, co. Lanc., Esq., and Brigett his now wife, as by one indenture of lease bearing date the 1st July, 16 James [1618] made between the said Thomas Chernocke and Brigett his wife on the one part, and me the said John Shelmerdyne on the other part more fully appears). It is my will and I hereby devise the said premises as follows, that is to say, if Margaret my wife happen to survive me, then she shall have one full third part of the said premises for her own use during so many years of the said term as she shall happen to live and keep herself sole and unmarried, paying one full third part of the rent, &c., reserved. And it is my will that my son John Shelmerdyne and the issue of his body lawfully begotten shall hold and enjoy the residue of the said premises, and also the said third part after the decease, marriage, or miscarriage of my said wife, during the rest of the term aforesaid. And for default of such issue my will is that Robert Shelmerdyne (one other of my sons) and the issue of his body lawfully begotten, shall enjoy the said premises. Provided always that if Marie (now wife of my said son John Shelmerdyne) shall survive her said husband, then she shall enjoy one third part of the said premises during so many years of the said term as she shall happen to live and keep herself sole and unmarried.

It is my will that all my just debts shall be paid by my executrix hereafter named. And after my debts and funeral expenses are paid, the residue of my personal goods shall be divided into three equal parts, whereof I will that my said wife Margaret shall have one part to her own use. And the second part I bequeath to my children John Shelmerdine, James Shelmerdine, Robert Shelmerdine, and Margaret Shelmerdine equally amongst them. And the third part I reserve to myself and bequeath out of the same to my said daughter Margaret Shelmerdine £26 13*s.* 4*d.* To my said son John Shelmerdine 30*s.* and to Marie his wife 10*s.* To my said son James Shelmerdine 30*s.*, and to my said son Robert Shelmerdine £5. To my

said sons John Shelmerdine, James Shelmerdine, and Robert Shelmerdine each a pair of looms with the implements thereto belonging. To my said wife Margaret my best cloak. To the poor people 30*s*. All the residue of my said third part shall be divided into two equal parts, one part whereof I give to my said wife Margaret and to my son Robert Shelmerdine and the other part to my said daughter Margaret Shelmerdine. I constitute and make my said wife Margaret Shelmerdine sole executrix, and I desire my loving friends Samuel Birch and George Grimshaw to be overseers hereof.

JOHN × SHELMERDINE
theld^{r} his marke.

Witnesses—Samuel Byrch, George Grimshaw, Thomas Hilton his m]ke, Gerard Simkin, 1631.

[Proved at Chester, 31 Dec., 1632, by the executrix.]

Inventory taken 6 Dec., 1632, by William Shrigley, John Grimshawe, Rychard Barsley and George Grimshawe.

Household goods, &c.

In the House; in the Parlor above the house; in the Parlor below the house; in the Loome house; in the Chamber over; in the Chamber over the house.

White yarn.

Item four bills - - - - - -	4^{li}	2^{s}	4^{d}
Henry Kelley - - - - - -	17^{li}	17^{s}	6^{d}
Samuel Byrche - - - - -	9^{li}	12^{s}	6^{d}
William Aynesworth - - - -	3^{li}		
James Allins - - - - - -	3^{li}		
James Throppe - - - - -		26^{s}	
Rychard Barsley - - - - -		50^{s}	
Robert Jepson - - - - - -		27^{s}	

Stephen Hulme - - - - - -		10^s	
Samuel Buckley - - - - - -		3^s	
Thomas Smythe - - - - - -		6^s	2^d
[The above are the whole of the debts.]			
In silver spoones - - - - - -		8^s	
In silver - - - - - - - -			18^d
In gold and money in the house - -	313^{li}	18^s	
Total - - -	551^{li}	4^s	2^d [1]

THE WILL OF RALPH RYLANDS[2] OF CULCHETH, IN THE PARISH OF WINWICK, YEOMAN. 1633.

"IN the name of godd, Amen, the Elleaventhe day of November An° Regni Caroli Regis Angl' &c. nono An° Dn'i 1633. I RAPHE ROYLANDS, of Culchethe, in the County of Lancaster, yeoman, and within the diocese of Chester beinge Infirme in bodie and feeling my selffe butt weake and nothing well in bodie butt full of Infirmities and knoweing that deathe is Certaine to euꝰy lyvinge Creature and the tyme thereof uncertaine and of good & ꝑfecte memorie thankes bee to godd Doe therefore make this my laste will & testam[t] in maner & fforme ffollowinge ffirst aboue all things I gyve & Com̄end my soule into the m̄cifull hands of Allmightie godd the ffather son & holy ghoste trustinge moste assuredlie by the meritts deathe & passion̄ of my lorde & saviour Jesus Christe to haue ffree

[1] This is a very large amount for a "linen weaver" to have died possessed of. It would represent nearly £1,800 of our money.

[2] The parentage of this Ralph Rylands, who lived at Westhoughton before his removal to Culcheth, is at present unknown, but it is most probable that he was the son of Peter Rylands of Westhoughton, and uncle to Peter Rylands, for some years one of the sequestrators employed by the Parliament 1645 to 1660.

pdon & Remissiõ of all my sinns & wickedness and to be made one of his ellecte & Chosin number and my bodie I will to the Erthe ffrom whence it Came to remaine in the bosome of the erthe untill the greate and dreadefull day of Judgmt when it shall please godd to Rayse it vpp againe and to make this my noughetie ffilthie vile & Corruptible bodie a glorious and Incorruptible bodie. And as Concerninge my worldelie estate my messuage and tenemente with thappurtenñcs wherein I doe dwell and all my worldlye goods Cattells & Chattells whatsoeur that god hathe lent me and made me Ruler over my mynd & will is to have them bestowed used ymployed distributed and devided as hereafter is menc̃oned & declared. That ys to say,"

My messuage, &c., whereon I dwell unto Mary[1] my wife and unto all my children from my decease until my eldest son Peter Roylands shall accomplish the age of 21 years, towards the maintenance and bringing up of my said wife and children. And after my said son Peter shall accomplish the age of 21 years, the third part of my said messuage to Mary my wife for the term of my lease which I hold of Mr John Culchethe, Esqr, if she keep herself sole, chaste, and unmarried. And the rest of my messuage, &c., after my said son Peter shall be 21 with the

[1] 1613. Radulphus Rilands et Maria Mather sponsati fuerunt 25 die Maij. (Transcripts of the Deane parish registers at Chester.) The will of Mary Rylands, the testator's widow, dated 24 Sept., 1642, names the following children:—1. Peter (bapt. at Leigh, co. Lanc., 12 March, 1614–15, buried at Newchurch, in Winwick parish, 21 May, 1678.) 2. John (bapt. at Newchurch, 13 Feb., 1619–20, died about 1655, having married Jane Spakeman, from whom the Rylands family now living at Thelwall descend.) 3. Ralph (bapt. at Newchurch, 10 March, 1621–2, died about 1674, having married in 1644 Alice Mather.) 4. William (bapt. at Newchurch, 1 Feb., 1628–9, living 1662.) 5. Anne (married 1649 to William Hilton.) 6. Elizabeth (bapt. at Winwick, 10 Feb., 1623–4), and 7. Alice (bapt. at Newchurch, 14 Oct., 1632.) They had also Roger, born 1630, and Ellen, born 1627, who appear to have died young as they are not mentioned in their mother's will. Administration with the will annexed was granted at York to Peter Rylands of Culcheth, gent., the son, 20 Nov., 1645. The testatrix desired to be buried at her parish church of Winwick in her ancestors' burial place and near unto Raphe Rylandes her late husband. Of the various Mather families only the Mathers of Lowton buried at Winwick.

said third part of my said messuage, granted to Mary my said wife, after her death, &c., to my executors towards the payment of £20 for the use of my younger children equally. And after the said £20 is paid, &c., I give my messuage, &c., to Peter my son and his assigns during the continuance of my lease. And as touching my goods, &c., my funeral charges and all my debts to be first paid and the rest of my goods to be divided into 3 parts, one part thereof I give unto Mary my wife and another part thereof I give unto my children equally, and the other part I reserve to myself & give the same to be equally divided amongst all my children except the said Peter. And it is my will that John my son shall have that house which I have taken of Richard Gregorie if the said Richard Gregorie do not pay the £40 which I have lent him for the same, the said John, my son, "payinge Respectyvelie to his younger bretherne & sisterne[1] theire porc̃ons of the same xl^li^ as it shall come vnto." I constitute George Starkie of Pinnington my brother-in-law, and William Byrom, son of Symond Byrom of Kenion my kinsman, my executors. "And I desire my good Maiester John Culcheth, Esquier, to bee oversyer hereof." In witness, &c.

"Debtes which are oweing vnto me without specialties.

Imp^r^mis Henery Rylands my brother for Corne xxij^s^
Itm. Roger Seddon of Bolton for Cheeses - - ix^li^ xviij^s^
„ Sar[a]h Walker for a loade of meale xiij^s^ & xij^s^ more.
„ Raphe Leane wief for meale xj^s^ or theire abouts or wanting.
„ Raphe wief Lytherland - - - - xvij^s^
„ + Katheryne Georgeson als Georgedoughter[2] spinster xl^s^
„ George Starkie my brother in lawe iiij^li^ xviij^s^ & the use [*i.e.* the interest] of said iiij^li^
„ John Pilling - - - - - - xv^s^

[1] The use of these old forms of the plural is interesting, especially considering the date.

[2] This is also an archaic form, the use of which at this date is very noteworthy.

Debtes which I doe owe.

Elizabethe Makante widow - - - -	xx^{li} & use.
Agnes Trauice - - - - - - - -	x^{li} & use.
ux^{r} Andrewe Astley - - - - - - -	x^{li} & use.
To Mr Caulveley for ground - - - -	xiij^{li} x^{s}

Sealled signed & deliu͡d in the pn͡ce of Gilb̃te Mather his m͡ke, Richard Warde.

Signũ pred' RAD'I ROYLANDS.[1]

"A true & p'fecte Inventorie[2] of all the goodes cattells & chattells of Raphe Rylands late of Culchethe in the p'ishe of Winwicke in the County of Lancaster & dyocese of Chester yeom^{n} Decased, praysed by Roger Greene, Willm Henryson al's Johnson, Gilb^{te} Mather and William Travice, yeomen, the xxiijth day of November, Anno Regni Caroli Regis Angl', &c., nono, 1633.

	£	s.	d.
Imp^{r}mis seaven melche kynes, and a ffarrowe Cowe - - - - - - - - -	23	10	0
Itm. one heffer & a red bullocke - - -	5	0	0
„ two sterkes and a blacke bullocke - -	4	0	0
„ ffoure ffatt kyne - - - - - -	14	0	0
„ seaven Calves - - - - - - -	5	5	0
„ three mares - - - - - - -	15	0	0
„ three Coultes - - - - - - -	8	0	0
„ in haye and strawe - - - - - -	12	12	6
„ 25 sheepe - - - - - - -	4	0	0
„ three swyne - - - - - - -	1	16	0
„ in Pullan [*i.e.* poultry] - - - - -	0	10	0
„ in Turffe and Cole - - - - - -	5	13	4
„ in Cartes Whales plowes & harrowes - -	5	13	4

[1] The original record in the Probate Registry at Chester appears to be a copy of the will in the handwriting of Richard Ward, one of the attesting witnesses.

[2] This inventory is copied in full as a specimen of that class of record.

	£	s.	d.
Itm. in Trease [? wooden articles] Carte geare and a packe sadle - - - - - -	1	1	6
„ one Cubbourd - - - - - - -	1	0	0
„ in Chists [wooden chests] - - -	2	0	0
„ in Cowpery ware [casks, barrels, &c.] -	2	4	0
„ in Tryne ware - - - - - - -	0	9	0
„ in pewter [plates, &c.] - - - -	1	0	0
„ in pott brasse - - - - - - -	3	0	0
„ in pann brasse - - - - - -	3	11	0
„ in Beddinge and beddclothes - - -	7	8	0
„ in Bedstocks boards & a cheese presse -	3	10	0
„ in Lynnens - - - - - - -	2	0	0
„ in Cheese - - - - - - -	1	4	6
„ in Butter with the butter muggs - -	2	13	4
„ in Erthen potts platters and muggs - -	0	5	0
„ in swyne trowes [pig-troughs] wyskett & odd things in the kytchen - - -	0	5	0
„ in Secks and a twilsheete - - -	0	14	0
„ one ladder - - - - - - -	0	3	0
„ in pyckells [iron forks] an axe spade, Iron chimney,[1] spytts, knyves, and other Iron ware, with plowe Irons, and other Iron things	1	9	0
„ in Barley - - - - - - -	0	6	0
„ in lynnen yorne [yarn] - - - -	0	6	0
„ in woolle and wollen yorne - - -	0	3	4
„ in basketts a lighte Iron & syves [sieves]	0	3	4
„ in stowes and cheanes [chains] - - -	0	3	0
„ the Deceadants bucke clothes [worn clothes]	2	0	0
„ in Baconn, swyne grayse, hyves and bees, quishions [cushions], and all other things and huslements [odds and ends] in & about the howse - - - - - -	0	10	0
„ a tacke of medowe grounds, taken of *Mr. Will'm Sothworthe* for one yeare next	3	10	0

[1] See p. 37, note.

		£	s.	d.
Itm.	a tacke of a howse and tenement taken of *Richard Gregorie* lyinge neare to Culchethe mylne [Culcheth Mill] - - - -	40	0	0
„	Debts oweinge as appeareth by deceadants will without specialties - - - -	20	7	0
„	*John Massie*, and the executors or adm[rs] of *Hughe Tealyer* ꝑ bond - - - -	6	9	7
„	oweing by *Gilb*[*er*]*te Mather* ꝑ bond - -	4	0	0
„	*Richard Gregorie* ꝑ bill - - - -	3	13	4
„	*Richard Geffreyson* ꝑ bond - - -	1	6	8
„	*Mr. Will'm Sothworthe* ꝑ bill under his hand	3	10	8
„	*Thomas Ireland*, of Bewsey, Esquire, as by Artickles made between him, and the deceadent may appeare - - - -	26	3	4

Summa £208 8*s.* 10*d.*"

The Inventory was exhibited 25 Nov., 1633, and, because George Starkie and William Byrom the executors renounced, administration was granted to Mary Roylands the relict, she being first sworn.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM BELL[1] OF MANCHESTER, CO. LANC., YEOMAN. 1634.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 1st March, 1633[-4]. I WILLIAM BELL, of Manchester, co. Lanc., yeoman. My body to be buried (if I die in Manchester) in the north side Ile hard by the pew where I doe use to sit, and a fair large stone

[1] Mr. William Bell's name occurs occasionally in the *Manchester Court Leet Records* (see vol. iii. p. 217). As shown by his will, he held property in Manchester and Stockport, and possibly also in Ashton-under-Lyne, his burial being recorded in the Ashton register as having taken place there on the 17th July, 1634. He was the father of William Bell, rector of Huyton, whose will will subsequently be printed in this volume.

to cover the grave, and my name to be set upon it. And if I die in Ashton parish then I would be buried near to my sons pew. And if I die in Stockport then I would be buried at the chancel end near to the north corner of it, about six yards from the wall, for there was my father and mother buried. And touching my household goods, &c., it is my will that after my decease they shall be appraised by four honest men, therewith to pay all my debts, funeral expenses, legacies, &c. I give to Elizabeth Berron the wife of Lawrence Berron and to her children £5. To Ellen Mosse the widow of John Mosse £5. To Alice Bowrehowse and her children £5. To Isabel Swan the wife of William Swan, and her children, £5. To Isabel the wife of Robert Redich 40*s*. To William Rodgers Allis [*alias*] Sheather £5. To John Rodgers Allis [*alias*] Sheather 40*s*. To William Percifall, Marie Percifall, John Percifall, and Anne Percifall, sons and daughters of Anthony Percifall, 20*s*. apiece, when 21. To my godson William Byrom 10*s*. To my godson William Worsley 10*s*. To my sister-in-law Alice Walton, 40*s*. To Thomas Bell Allis [*alias*] Smyth £10 and a work day suit of apparel. To John Bell and Elizabeth Bell son and daughter of my brother Robert Bell, deceased, £15 apiece for 3 years next after they shall accomplish their full ages of 21 years. To my cosen John Worsley of Manchester 40*s*. To Mrs Sparke 20*s*. To the poor of Manchester £5. To the poor of Ashton-under-Lyne parish 40*s*. Whereas there is a bond in my hands that James Hulton sealed to me for the payment of 40*s*. for his brother John Hulton, I forgive Mr Hulton that debt and give him 40*s*. more. There is a bond of John Allen in my hands for payment of 33*s*., which I forgive him.

Whereas there is a lease of John Smyth of Ashton in my hands for payment of £5 a year for nine years, if the said John Smyth shall truly pay £5 a year for eight of the first years, then it is my will to forgive the last £5 for the 9th year. To my loving wife Maude Bell a pomander set in gold. To my son William Bell a gold ring with death's head upon it. To my

daughter in law Anne Bell a gold ring with posie "Continue constant." And if there be any overplus of my goods, I give it to my loving wife. As touching all my lands, &c., I bequeath to my now wife Maude Bell, the moiety of all my lands, &c., in Stockport and Manchester, for her life, and the other moiety to my son William Bell, and if he survive my said wife, then he shall have all my lands, &c., in Stockport and Manchester. And seeing that both my son and his wife are young people, if it should please God to send my said son William a boy or two, then I know that he will give the elder son all his lands at Synderland, which I desire him to do, and for such elder sons preferment, because I would have him brought up in his father's steps, therefore I freely give to him and his heirs for ever, all that land that I bought of Mr Francis Mosley lying in the Milgate in Manchester. And for the younger son, because I would have him brought up first at the Grammar School, therefore I give him and his heirs for ever, all my lands in Stockport, and one dwelling house in St Maries Gate in Manchester, that I bought of John Beswicke, and all that land I bought of Mr Pott lying at the Hyde Cross in Manchester. To Mary Bell daughter of my son William Bell and his heirs for ever, all that land that I bought of Mr Brownesort,[1] lying in the Hanging Ditch in Manchester. To Anne Bell daughter of my son William Bell and her heirs for ever, all that land that I bought of Mr Grantham, lying in the Hanging Ditch, and in the Old Meal Gate in Manchester. If my said son William have only one boy, then I give to him and his heirs for ever, all my lands in Stockport and the said house in St Marie's Gate, and the lands at Hyde Cross to Mary Bell and her heirs for ever. I give to Anne Bell daughter of the said William and her heirs for ever, one dwelling-house that I had of John Beswicke lying in St Marie's Gate. And if the said William have no sons then I give to his daughters and their heirs, all my lands whatsoever equally amongst them. I make my loving son William Bell, sole

[1] That is, Brownsword, the name of an old Manchester family.

executor, and William Butler and my cosen Edward Byrom overseers, and I give my overseers 20*s*. apiece.

(Signed) ꝑ WILL. BELL.

It is my will and I give to my son William Bell all my lands in Stockport, to him and his heirs for ever, and all my lands in Manchester to Marie Bell and Anne Bell his daughters and their heirs for ever, after their father's and grandmother's decease, and I renounce the clause in my will providing for his children unborn.

Dated 11 July, 1634.

(Signed) ꝑ WILL. BELL.

(No names of witnesses given.)

[Proved at Chester, 1 Aug., 1634, by the executor.]

Inventory taken the 22, 23, and 26 July, 1634, by Robert Leech of the Lume, Nicholas Newton of Woodhouses, Robert Bardsley of Waterhouses, and John Hulton of Litlemose.

Household goods, &c.

Itm. Books at Synderland and Manchester - - 18^{li} 10^{s}

Total 173^{li} 11^{s} 2^{d}

THE WILL OF MRS. LUCY GOBERT[1] OF ADLINGTON, CO. CHESTER, 1635–6.

IN the name of God, Amen, 9 Nov., 6 Charles, 1630. I LUCE GOBERT of Adlington, co. Chester, widdowe [a Protestant]. My body to the earth to be buried. And as touching my

[1] This Mrs. Lucy Gobert was the widow of John Gobert of Coventry, and of Bosworth, co. Leicester, Esq. Her daughter Anne was married 24 Aug., 1610, to Thomas Legh of Adlington, co. Chester, Esq. (See *East Cheshire*, vol. ii. p. 252). She was residing at Adlington with her daughter at the time of her death, and was buried at Prestbury on the 24th March, 1634–5.

worldly estate and the discharge of the trust comitted to me by my late husband John Gobert, Esq., deceased, in making me the sole executrix of his will, I desire that his said last will shall be duly performed, and in order that my executrix may be the better enabled to perform the same I do therefore give and bequeath to my daughter Anne Legh (whom I make my sole executrix) and to her heirs for ever, all and singular the lands, tenements, and hereditaments whatsoever to me the said Luce and my heirs given and devised by the said will of my said late husband. And also I bequeath to my said daughter all such sums of money as are in the said will of my said late husband bequeathed to me or limited to be paid to me. To my son Sir Thomas Barrington, Kt and Baronett, one gould ringe of the value of 40*s*. To John Barrington, Esq., his eldest son £10. To Oliver Barrington second son of the said Sir Thomas Barrington £10. To Gobert Barrington my godson, and youngest son of the said Sir Thomas, £20. To my grandchild Luce Barrington, daughter of the said Sir Thomas Barrington, "a border of gold enamiled and beset with pearle and my chist or sett of six violls." To Luce Legh one of the daughters of the said [*sic*] Thomas Legh £100, "and my silver Maudem Cupp with a Cover." And to Dorothy Legh, Marie Legh, and Penelope Legh, three other of the daughters of the said Thomas Legh and Anne Legh, to each of them £200. To every other of the children of the said Thomas Legh and Anne Legh £20 each. To all my servants £5 each. To the poor £20. The residue of my goods, chattells, &c., to the said Anne Legh my executrix.

Dated the day and year abovesaid.

LUCE GOBERT.

Signed, sealed, &c., in the presence of George Watts, William Lucas, Hugh Broadhurst, Thomas Blackeshawe.

[Proved at Chester, 15 Jan., 1635[–6], by Anne Legh wife of Thomas Legh of Adlington, Esq.]

A true inventory[1] of the goods, &c., of Luce Gobert, late of Adlington, co. Chester, widow, deceased, taken 4 Aug., 1635, by ffrancis Hobson of the Pasture, gent., William Shert of Disley, gent., Robert Redige [Redich] and John Ridgwaye of Adlington in the said county, yeomen.

	£	s.	d.
Imp. seaven Gownes price - - - -	160	0	0
Item. a payre of bodies of cloath of gould - -	10	0	0
Item. seaven peticoates price - - - -	40	0	0
Item. 3 cloakes - - - - - -	12	0	0
Item. one Rydeing savegard of Brainch velvet	11	0	0
Item. a Rydeing suite price - - - -	13	13	4
Item. diverse Remnants of Taffities and velvetts	6	13	4
Item. one quilted taffitie wascoate - - -	3	0	0
Item. Rings Brasletts & Juwells - - -	350	0	0
Item. gloues 16 payre - - - - -	20	0	0
Item. gould Lace, Gould and silver Twist & silke	10	0	0
Item. one quishin[2] cloath & 3 pillowe Beeres[3] -	20	0	0
Item. 2 Crippins[4] or borders - - - -	1	0	0
Item. 3 quishin Cloaths[5] & 3 pillow beeres -	10	0	0
Item. queffs[6] coates, handruffs and quishnetts[7] -	10	0	0
Item. 2 wrought & 6 playne wascoates - -	4	0	0
Item. Purses, spectacles and Cases quishnetts[7] and Knives - - - - - -	5	0	0
Item. one Cradle cloath - - - - -	1	0	0
Item. in Two Truncks & dayly wearing apparell smoaks and other lynens - - -	13	13	4

[1] This inventory has been copied in full on account of the many articles of wearing apparel, &c., therein mentioned, and their high prices. It is a very curious inventory.

[2] One of the many forms of spelling cushion.

[3] "Pillow-bere" an old form of pillow-case, used by Chaucer.

[4] A "crippin" was part of a French hood, probably the fringe, as indicated by the word border.

[5] A "cushion-cloth" was probably a cushion case or covering.

[6] Possibly intended for cuffs, but doubtful. I cannot find the word anywhere.

[7] Probably for "cushionet," a small cushion. It may possibly mean a small casket.

	£	s.	d.
Item. one other Truncke wth New Cloath & other necessaries - - - - -	20	0	0
Item. Stockins, shoes, hatts, ruffs, Cuffs, Muffs, hudds, ffans, & other Necessaries - -	20	0	0
Item. one playne silver Bason & Eure - -	30	0	0
Item. one silver dish - - - - -	10	0	0
Item. 6 greate beere Bowles - - - -	25	0	0
Item. 2 guilt Bowles price - - - -	7	0	0
Item. 2 p'cell guilt Bowles - - - -	6	13	4
Item. one litle guilt Bowle & two guilt Saults price	7	0	0
Item. one litle silver Sault, a silver Bottle for Rose solis & one silver Box for Receits price	5	0	0
Item. haulf a dosen of silver spoones - -	2	10	0
Item. w^th^in 3 Clossetts pursland [porcelain] dishes Concerves p'serves plates potts bottles & other necessaries - - - & 2 lookeing glasses - - - -	50	0	0
Item. in her private purse in Ready money & gould	850	0	0
Som̃ totł - - 1336^li^ 3^s^ 4^d^			

THE WILL OF RALPH SHELMERDINE, THE ELDER, OF GORTON, CO. LANC., YEOMAN. 1639.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 29th May, 1639. I RAPHE SHELMERDYNE, the elder, of Gorton, co. Lanc., yeoman. My body to be buried in Christian manner in the parish church or churchyard of Manchester near to the place where my late loving wife Anne Shelmerdyne lieth interred, or elsewhere where the Lord shall appoint. First my debts and funeral expences shall be paid and discharged cut of my whole goods. I devise and bequeath all my messuage, land, and tenement called the

Greene Head, with the appurtenances, situate in Gorton aforesaid, to my eldest son Raphe Shelmerdyne, his heirs and assigns for ever. And for default of such issue to Thomas Shelmerdyne my second son and his heirs and assigns for ever. And for default of such issue to my six daughters, Jane Shelmerdyne, Elizabeth, Anne, Margaret, Alice and Marie Shelmerdyne, their heirs and assigns for ever. It is my will that my said son Raphe Shelmerdyne shall in consideration that I do give him my said lands and tenements at the Greene Heade, pay to his sister Jane Shelmerdyne the yearly rent of 40*s.* during the term of 60 years, if she shall so long live, with power to distrain for the same upon the closes called the Intacke and Pingotte. It is my will that Thomas Shelmerdyne shall in consideration that I have given him all my lands, messuage, and tenement at Banke Topp in Gorton, pay to his sister Jane Shelmerdyne the yearly rent of 20*s.* during the term of 60 years if she so long live, with power to distrain for the same on the close called the Barley Croft, being parcel of my messuage and tenement at Banke Topp aforesaid.

To my daughter Ann Shelmerdyne £30. To my son in law James Thorpe £10, to be paid within one month after the decease of widow Thorpe of Newton. To three of the youngest children of my son in law James Thorpe 33*s.* 4*d.* apiece when 21 years of age. It is my will that my said son Thomas Shelmerdyne shall have the use and benefit of the said three children's legacies to be employed for their best commodity and profit, and that he shall pay the same with the advantage thereof when they attain the said age, and if my said son Thomas shall depart this life before the said sums of money be paid to my said grandchildren the said lands at the Banketopp shall be charged with the payment thereof. Also my said son Thomas Shelmerdyne shall pay to my three daughters Margaret, Alice, and Marie £20 apiece out of my land at Banketopp. Also it is my will that my son in law James Thorpe and Elizabeth his wife my daughter, shall hold them satisfied in regard I have given them sufficient

portions formerly. To my said son Thomas Shelmerdyne these parcels of goods hereafter named remaining in my said house at Banke Topp, viz., the greatest coffer, two tables in the house, a cubboard and dishboard, a great swine trough and cheese press, in consideration whereof he shall give to his three sisters Margaret, Alice, and Marie £3 equally amongst them. All the residue of my goods, &c., I give to my said three daughters, Margaret, Alice, and Marie, equally amongst them. I constitute and make my said son Thomas Shelmerdyne sole executor of this my last will. Also I desire my loving neighbours Thomas Jackson, clerk, and Raphe Wood the younger, to be overseers.

RAPHE SHELMERDYNE
his × marke.

Witnesses—(Signed) Tho. Jackson, John Cocke, his marke, John Jacksonn.

[Proved at Chester, 4 Nov., 1639, by the sole executor.]

Inventory taken 1 Nov., 1639, by Thomas Grauer the elder, of Gorton, Raph Wood the younger, William Bertinshaw, and John Cocke.

Farming stock, Household goods, &c.

These places are mentioned :—

In the little house; in the loom house; in the parlor at the west end of the house; in the north side of the house; in the west end of the house; in the west chamber; in the kitchen chamber.

Item. one muskett - - - - -		13^{s}	4^{d}
Item bills, bonds, and debts - - -	8^{li}	6^{s}	
Item more in bonds - - - - -	40^{li}		

(No total given.)

THE WILL OF EDMUND BUCKLEY OF GRASCROFT IN SADDLEWORTH, CO. YORK,[1] YEOMAN. 1640.

IN the name of God, Amen. I EDMUND BUCKLEY of Grascroft in Saddleworth, co. York, yeoman, do this last day of December, 1639, make this my last will. My body to Christian burial. To my eldest son Robert Buckley all my lands in Grascroft and Saddleworth aforesaid (excepting only the new lands I lately purchased of Sr George Booth and Mr William Booth) to enter upon the one half of the same immediately after my death, and the other part after the death of Anne Buckley my wife, to him and his heirs for ever. I bequeath to John Buckley my son the lands above excepted purchased of Sr George Booth and Mr William Booth lying in Quicke and Saddleworth aforesaid to him and his heirs for ever, and for default of such heirs to my son Robert Buckley and his heirs for ever. To my said son John all that my right and term which I now have in one walk mill or fuller's mill with the house and ground thereto belonging. To my son Edmund Buckley all that tenement at Clayton bridge-end in the township of Newton and parish of Manchester late purchased of Edmund Hollins, and now in the tenure of Richard Robinson to him and his heirs for ever. Nevertheless it is my will that before my son Edmund Buckley enter upon the lands above bequeathed he shall pay the sum of £30 to my son John Buckley and £20 to my daughter Anne Buckley. And for default of heirs of my son Edmund Buckley I give the lands at Clayton aforesaid to my son John Buckley and his heirs for ever, with remainder to my son Robert Buckley and his heirs for ever. I will that the sum of £7 be paid out of my whole goods to John Breadbury, and then my

[1] Although Saddleworth is in the county of York, it formed part of the extensive parish of Rochdale in Lancashire.

goods to be divided into three parts. The first part whereof I give to Anne my wife. The second part to my children John Buckley, Edmund Buckley, and Anne Buckley equally amongst them.

And I dispose of the last third part as follows. First, I will that my funerals, probate of my will, and mortuary be discharged out of the same. To my son Robert my best raiment, dublet, breeches, and stockings and 40*s*. To my grandchild James Buckley one cow which is at Thomas Whitehead's of Brookebottom. To the rest of the children of my son Robert one ewe or 5*s*. apiece. To my daughter in law Elizabeth Buckley 5*s*. To Ellize Knight my cloak and my second raiment and to Margett Knight his daughter one cow which he now keeps. To Jane Knight my daughter 4 sheep or £1. To Anne Linthwit one pyde stirke called Whitetayle and 4 sheep or £1, and that my executors have the government of the same till she come to years of discretion.

Whereas according to my promise I have made the portion of my daughter Alice with the £7 herein bequeathed to John Breadbury, equal with the portion given to my daughter Jane, as a token of my love I give to John Breadbury 1*s*., and to my daughter Alice 4 sheep or £1, and I will that John Breadbury shall seal an acquittance. I give 40*s*. to the poor of the town of Saddleworth besides the accustomed doale att forthbringinge.[1] I give 20*s*. to the poor of Manchester to be divided by the churchwarden of Newton and my overseers. I give one half of the residue of the said last part to my three children John, Edmund, and Anne equally amongst them. And the other half I bequeath to Anne Buckley my wife, Robert Buckley my son, Jane Knight, Alice Breadbury, and Anne Linthwit equally amongst them. It is my mind that one tree at Hobholespringe side be cut down and divided amongst them. I give to my son John the fallen timber towards the building of a barn, and six of the best trees I have. And I would have the rest of the timber

[1] See pp. 4, 11, 12, and 38.

for the use of the occupiers of the land. I constitute and appoint Anne Buckley my wife and John Buckley my son, my executors, and Robert Buckley and Edmund Buckley my sons to be overseers.

EDMUND BUCKLEY
mrke & sealle.

Witnesses—James Buckley his mark, W. Wilson.

[Proved at Chester, by the executors, 20 April, 1640.]

Inventory taken 12 Feb., 1639[-40], by Robert Gartside, James Buckley, Robert Buckley, and Ellize Knight.

Farming stock, household goods.

Item part of armour and gould weights - -			v^s

Debts in ward.

Robert Buckley and others - - -	2^{li}	2^s	3^d
Total of Inv. - -	209^{li}	8^s	6^d

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH SHORE OF SHORE, CO. LANC., WIDOW. 1640.

IN the name of God, Amen. I ELIZABETH SHORE of Shore, widow, in the county of Lancaster, and parish of Rachdale, make this my last will this 8 Feb., 1638[-9]. My body to be buried at the discretion of my executors. To my son Samuel Shore £31 4*s*. which he owes me by bond or otherwise. To my daughter Martha Stott wife of John Stott of Longe Clough, £3 which I lent her, and also a cow which I lent her and one standing bed with the bedding belonging to it, in which I myself usually lie, and my bible and little chest in the chamber

where I now lie. To Thomas Shore my grandchild, son to my son Henry Shore of Littellbrough, one chest or counter standing in the dwelling house. To Elizabeth Shore my grandchild, daughter to my said son Henry Shore, one chest standing in the parlour. To my grandchildren Anne Milne and Elizabeth Milne, daughters of John Milne of Marled Earth, 10*s*. apiece. To my grandchildren Adam Breareley and Grace Breareley, the children of Adam Breareley of Could Greaue, 40*s*. equally between them. To Elizabeth Stott, daughter of John Stott of Longe Clough, my grandchild, 30*s*. To my grandchild Mary Bamford, wife of Henry Bamford, 10*s*. To Henry Shore and Jane Shore, children of Robert Shore of Shore, my son, 20*s*. equally between them. To the rest of my grandchildren to whom I have not bequeathed anything, 12*d*. apiece. To my son Robert my fire iron in the house, which I will to remain to his son Thomas. All the rest of my household stuff I give to my son Henry Shore and my daughter Martha Stott of Longe Clough, equally between them. The rest of my goods, &c., my debts and funeral expences defrayed, I give to my son Samuel Shore and my son Henry Shore and my daughter Martha Stott equally amongst them, excepting my wearing apparel which I give to my daughter Elizabeth Milne, wife of John Milne, and to my daughter Martha Stott wife of John Stott equally between them. I make my son Henry Shore sole executor of this my will.

It is my will that 10*s*. shall be given to Mr Chadwick of Stubley for preaching my funeral sermon.

(Signed) ELIZABETH SHORE
her marke.

Witnesses—John Chadwicke, James Bamfforth.

[Proved at Chester, by the executor, 23 June, 1640.]

Inventory taken 2 Aug., 1639, by James Bamforth, Thomas Shore, Jeremie Durden, and Edmund Holdworth.

One cow at Longcloughe - - - -			4li		
One cow at Shore - - - - -			4li		
One cow at Robert Scolfield - - -			2li	10s	
Household goods, &c.					
Total - -	91li	14s	10d		

THE WILL OF RANDLE ASTLEY OF ECCLESHILL, CO. LANC., YEOMAN. 1641.

IN the name of God, Amen, the ninth day of February, 16 Charles, 1640[-41]. I RANDLE ASTLEY of Eccleshill, co. Lanc., yeoman. My body to be buried in Christian burial in the church or churchyard of the parish of Blackburne. And whereas I hold to me and my heirs one messuage in Over Darwen and 20 acres of land called Blacksnappe which I had with Margery my late wife, my will and mind is and I hereby bequeath the same unto Thomas Astley my son and his heirs, and whereas I have and hold one messuage or tenement wherein I now dwell in Eccleshill to me and my assigns for the term of three lives, those namely of Thomas Astley my son, Laurence Haworth, son of Peter Haworth of Lower Darwen, and Elizabeth Astley my daughter, sithence deceased, by the demise or grant of Nicholas Grymeshaw of Clayton in le Mores, Esqre, my mind and will is and I do hereby devise and assign the same unto the said Thomas Astley my sonne and to his assigns during all the term mentioned in Mr Grymeshawe his lease. Nevertheless upon this condition that he the said Thomas Astley my sonne shall pay or cause to be paid unto Alice Astley, Margaret Astley, and Millisaint Astley my daughters the sum of £160 before the first of May, 1642, equally to be divided between them towards their preferment in marriage, and if the said Thomas Astley my son do not pay the said Alice, Margaret, and Millisaint the said £160 then I bequeath the said

messuage and the said 20 acres of land called Blacksnappe and the said messuage and tenement where I now dwell in Eccleshill aforesaid unto Thomas Astley of Stakes, gentleman, and Thomas Bannester of the Lower Hall in Walton in le Dale, gentleman, and to their heirs and assigns for and to the sole and proper uses of the said Alice, Margaret, and Millisaint and until the said sum of £160 be faithfully paid as aforesaid. And whereas I likewise have and hold to me and my assigns by an assignment of Alice ffoole late wife of John ffoole, deceased, one close or parcel of ground called the four acre, I do hereby bequeath the same to Alice Astley my daughter and her assigns during the whole term mentioned in the said assignment, yet if the said Thomas Astley doe cause to be paid unto the said Alice Astley or her assigns the sum of £14 during the space of 5 years next coming, then I do bequeath the same to my said son Thomas Astley. And as regards my worldly goods I will that £10 shall be taken thereout and given to Ann Astley daughter of Edward Astley, deceased, and likewise my debts, legacies, and funeral expences shall be taken out and paid out of my whole goods, and all the rest and residue I give to Alice Astley, Margaret, and Millisaint Astley, equally to be divided between them. Item I give to Millisaint Bannester wife of the aforesaid Thomas Bannester 5*s.* to buy a gold ring with. Item to the said Thomas Bannester 3*s.* 4*d.*, and I do constitute and appoint the said Alice Astley, Margaret Astley, and Millisaint Astley executrixes of this my last will and testament.

(Signed) RANDELL ASTLEY.
(Small seal—death's head and cross bones.)

Witnesses hereof—
Tho. Astley
Thomas ffishe
James Livesaye
Rich. Whalley
[All signatures.]

[Proved at Chester, 29 April, 1641, by Alice Astley, one of the executrixes.]

A true Inventorie of all the goods, chattells, &c., of Randle Astley of Eccleshill, co. Lanc., yeoman, deceased, made 19 Feb., 1640[-1], valued, &c., by foure men Thomas Haworth, Thomas ffishe, James Livesay, and Thomas Christlawe as ffoloweth :—

(A very long inventory.)

Oxen, heifers, cows, horses (one bay ffillie 5li), swyne, oats, threashen 9li, meale, malt, wheate, hay, yoks, and bowes, one great meale arke, furniture, a pair of Lowmes 10*s*., a dozen of Masline spunes 4*s*. 6*d*., a silver spune gilded 1li, one kadowe 1li, pullen 4*s*. 6*d*., in books 16*s*.

Item one coate, halfe of the muskett and furniture[1] thereunto belonging - - - -	1li	0s	0d
Item side saddle pinion and ffurniture[1] - -	0li	8s	0d
Sum total - - £180			

THE WILL OF ALICE LOWE OF BURY, CO. LANC., WIDOW. 1647.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 20 May, 1647. I ALICE LOWE, of Bury, co. Lanc., widow. My body to Christian burial where it shall please God to appoint. All my debts and funeral expences shall be deducted and taken out of my whole goods. And the residue I bequeath as follows. I bequeath to Richard Broocke my eldest son £5. To the said Richard and John Broocke £10 to be bestowed on child or children of mine as they in their discretion shall see cause. To the children of

[1] That is the accompaniments or articles usually associated therewith. The word "furniture" is frequently used at this time in that sense.

the said Richard Broocke my son now borne £10 equally amongst them. To Roger Broocke of London my son £20. To the children of the said Roger Broocke now borne £10 equally amongst them. To John Broocke of Burye my son such sums of money as he owes me. To the children of the said John Broocke now borne £10 equally amongst them. To Peter Broocke of Burie my son £40, and also the £20 which he owes me, and all my household goods, bedding, pewter, brass, trine, and wooden vessels, and all other implements of house or furniture for husbandry, except such gold and silver as I now have or may have at my death, as also all my debts with specialty or without, and one chist, viz., the sheet chist which I give to Katherine my daughter now wife of Richard Overall of Burye, and one desk which I give to Anne daughter of Peter Broocke my said son. To the children of the said Peter Broocke my son now borne £10 equally amongst them. To Thomas Broocke son of Jeffrey Broocke my son, deceased, four tables at his father's late dwelling house, and also the seeleinge above the fire in the said house. To the three children of the said Jeffrey Broocke my son £13 10*s*. which was owing to me by their father, equally amongst them. To Richard Overall the younger, my grandchild, two beds, viz., a standing and a truckle and one table in his father's dwelling house. To Anne Overall of London 5*s*. To Mary now wife of Robert Duerden £3. To Ellen wife of Thomas Ouldham that 20*s*. which she owes me. To Alice Overall 5*s*. To James Overall £2. To Ester now wife of Peter Broocke my son, my best coat, cloak, and safeguard. To Mary now wife of Robert Duerden a blew linsey woollsey coat and a russet colour coat with two laces about the bottom. All the rest of my apparel to Katherin my daughter now wife of Richard Overall of Bury aforesaid. To Alice daughter of Thomas Smethurste, butcher, 1*s*. I ordain and make Richard Broocke, Roger Broocke, John and Peter Broocke my sons lawful and joint executors of this my last will. I request my kind friend and neighbour Thomas Whitehead of

ffield to be overseer. All the residue of my goods, &c., to Roger, John, and Peter Broocke my sons equally amongst them.

Signū Testat̄, ALIC' LOWE.

Witnesses–(Signed) Tho. Whitehead, Richard Lomax, Richard Kaye, his marke.

[Proved at Chester, 2 Nov., 1647, by the executors.]

Inventory taken 5 Oct., 1647, by Thomas Whitehead of Field, co. Lanc., yeoman, and Richard Kaye, tailor.

Household goods, &c.

Item one Bible - - - - - - -	6s	8d

Debts owing.

	li	s	d
Mr Thomas Browne by bond - - - -	7	17	0
Anne Nuttall of Gollinroad by bond - -	5	8	0
John Openshawe by bond - - - - -	7	8	0
John Kerkman by bond - - - - -	16	0	0
Mrs Houlte of Ashworth by bond - - -	54	0	0
Hamlet Lowe by bond - - - - -	15	0	0
John Ogden by bond - - - - -	10	0	0
Gilbert Lowe by bill - - - - -	17	0	0
Jaine Rothwell & Captain Howoth by bond -	5	3	0
Richard Overall about the house rent & repair	5	0	0
John Lord of Banketopp - - - - -	3	0	0
Richard Liuesaye in lent moneys - - -	10	0	0
The wife of Jefrey Broocke given to her children	13	0	0
Richard Overall the elder by bond - - -	10	0	0

(The above are the whole of the debts.)

(No total given.)

THE WILL OF SIR WILLIAM BRADSHAGH[1] OF LONDON, KNIGHT. 1650.

IN the name of God, Amen, June 29, 1643. I SIR WILLIAM BRADSHAGH of London, Kt. My body to be buried at the discretion of my executors. I give to my only son William Bradshaw all those my lease lands called the Lords Feilds in the parish of Whittlebury, co. Northampton, and all my estate and interest therein after the determination of a certain Lease thereof by me heretofore made unto Sr Francis Englefeild, Knt. and Bart., Edward Bosdon, Esq., and John farrington for the term of 40 years if Margaret Bradshagh my wife shall so long live, upon trust, for her maintenance, which deed bears date 1st March, 1638; and also I give to my said son £3,000 being now for the greatest part out upon securities by bond and otherwise, in case I leave no other children behind me, in such case of other child or children then my said son to have two thirds only. [The said son William then under 10 years of age.] In case of the death of my said son William and all other issue before 23 years of age or marriage, then after my said wife's decease two thirds to my dear brother Christopher Bradshagh during his life, he agreeing to pay one third of the interest to my dear sisters Dorothy Massey,[2] widow, and ffrances Scaresbrecke, wife of Edward Scaresbrecke, Esq., equally between them for their lives, and the other third part of my estate and also the other two

[1] He was the third son of Roger Bradshagh of Haigh, near Wigan, Esq. (who died in 1641), by his wife Anne, daughter of Christopher Anderton, of Lostock, Esq. He was knighted by Charles I., but the exact date is not known. His first wife was Dorothy Butler of Hampshire, by whom he had no issue. His second wife was Margaret, daughter of Sir Francis Englefield of Berkshire (relict of Hatton Barnes (?) of Whittlebury Forest, co. Northampton), by whom he had an only son, William, who was 17 years of age in 1664. (See *Visitation of Lancashire*, 1664, Chetham Society, p. 52.)

[2] She was the widow of Hamnet Massey of Rixton, Esq.

parts after the death of my said brother Christopher Bradshaw I do give to my loving nephew Roger Bradshagh of Hagh, co. Lanc., Esq., for ever. Item to my sisters Dorothy Massey and ffrances Scaresbrecke £20 apeece. To my good friend Mrs Joane Gifford of Wolverhampton, co. Stafford, widow, £20. To my wife's servant Mrs Elizabeth Berrington £6 a year during her life.

He appoints his said nephew Roger Bradshagh, his said brother Christopher Bradshaw, William Blundell of Crosby, co. Lanc., Esq., and Hugh Adlington of London, gent., his executors, and gives to each £10.

(Signed) WILLIAM BRADSHAGH.

Sealed and published and declared in the presence of us Will. Gerrard, ffrancis Rockley, Thomas Culcheth, Joseph Berisford.

A Codicil. A truncke of fine Linen that is at Mrs Anne Rigby her chamber in London, to my two dear sisters, Mrs Dorothy Massey and Mrs ffrances Scaresbrooke. To my cosen Cudbard Clifton, £20. Dated 15 January, 1649[-50].

Another Codicil. To my sister Jemes(?) during her life £5 a year. Dated Jan. 16, 1649[-50].

[Proved at Chester, 30 Jan., 1649[-50], by Roger Bradshagh, Esq., one of the executors.]

THE WILL OF THEODOSIA BRERETON[1] OF THE PARISH OF ST. BRIDGET, *alias* BRIDE, LONDON, WIDOW. 1660.

IN the name of God, Amen, 19 November, 1660. I THEODOSIA BRERETON, of the parish of St Bridgett's, *alias* Brides, London, widow, the relict of Thomas Brereton late of

[1] As shown by her will this lady was the widow of Thomas Brereton of Ashley, in the parish of Bowden, co. Chester, Esq. She was the daughter of Sir Thomas Tyrrell

Ashley, co. Chester, Esq., deceased. My body to be buried in such decent manner at St Clement's Danes, my quality considered as my executors shall think fit. To the poore of the parish where I shall be buried £20. To my dear and honoured father Sir Thomas Tyrrell, Knt., Serjeant-at-Law, and one of his Maties Justices of the Court of Common Pleas at Westminster, the sum of £100. To my dear and loving brother Thomas Tyrrell, Esq., £500. To my brother Peter Tyrrell of the Inner Temple, London, Esq. (one of my executors herein after named), so much money as together with the moneys he shall owe me at the time of my decease shall make up the sum of £800. To my loving sister Mrs Elizabeth Lane wife of William Lane, of Hansloppe, co. Bucks, Esq., £500. To my loving cousin Mrs Dorothy Plumptree £50. £10 towards binding my cozen Frances Ballard's son to be an apprentice. To my servant Anne Scroobie £100. To my servant Jane Lambe £20. To Mr Joseph Birch £5, if he continue to dwell with me till the day of my death. My footboy Robert to be bound apprentice if he desires it. Whereas Raphe Lowndes of Ashley, co. Chester, Gent. (the other of my executors herein after named), and one John Percevall and one Richard Lowndes are and stand bound by three several bonds or obligations by them entered into to my said late husband for payment of three several sums amounting in all to £800, and I being executrix to my late husband am thereby entitled to the said £800. Now I taking notice of the faithful service done by the said Raphe Lowndes to my said late husband for many years, and to me since my said husband's death, bequeath to the said Raphe Lowndes £300, parcel of the said sum of £800, and that he give security for the repayment of the remaining £500.

of Castlethorp, co. Bucks, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas. Having no issue, all her husband's estate was divided amongst his three sisters, Frances, the wife of Alexander Barlow of Barlow, co. Lanc., Esq., Anne, married Robert Tatton of Withenshaw, co. Chester, Esq., and Catherine, married Ralph Ashton of Kirkby, co. York, Esq., a younger son of Sir Richard Ashton of Middleton, co. Lanc.

And if the lands, &c., lying in Coishley and Werswall or elsewhere in the parish of Marbury, co. Chester, lately purchased by the said Raphe Lowndes from my said late husband, shall happen to be legally recovered against the said Raphe Lowndes or his heirs by any person clayming under Sir Thomas Brereton late of Wolvesacre, co. Flint, Knt., deceased, or under either of his wives or under my said late husband, and that such recovery be within 7 years now next, that then the said Raphe Lowndes his heirs or administrators shall be reimbursed out of my personal estate all such moneys as he or they shall have paid in discharge of the £500 aforesaid. Also I give to Mrs Katherine More who sometimes lived with me £30. And whereas by the will of my late husband I am entitled to the moneys due and payable to him by John Covert of Slaugham, co. Sussex, Esq. (who is now as I hear Sr John Covert, Bart.), or otherwise to the manors, lands, &c., assured by the said John Covert for payment of all such said moneys, I convey the same to my executors their heirs, &c., for ever. She also bequeaths to the said executors her lease of the tithes of Ashley. The residue of her estate to her said executors. She appoints her brother Peter Tyrrell and the said Raphe Lowndes executors.

Witnesses — John More, William Antrobus, Philip Ward, Thomas Wetenhall.

(No date of Probate.)

[Proved in London, and a copy only sent to Chester.]

THE WILL OF RALPH MORRES OF LOWER DARWEN, CO. LANC., FREEMASON.[1] 1661.

IN the name of God, Amen, 19 January, 1657[-8], I RALPH MORRES of Lower Darwent, co. Lanc., Freemason. My body to Christian burial. "Item whereas I have a wyffe and twoe doughters Jane & Elizabeth these beinge flesh of my flesh, and who so provideth not for his owne denyeth the faith." Yet forasmuch as God has blessed me with one messuage and tenement by virtue of a demise made the last day of September, 1654, by Thomas Haworth of Oakenhead in Netherdarwin, co. Lanc., gent., to me the said Ralph, for 99 years, if the said Ralph, Alice his wife, Jane Morres and Elizabeth Morres, daughters of the said Ralph or any of them so long live, at the yearly rent of 20*s.* 6*d.* and one day mowing and two days shearing. Now I hereby assign the said messuage, &c., to Alice my wife for her life, so that she keep herself sole and unmarried. And after the decease or marriage of the said Alice I assign all my interest in the said messuage, &c., to Jane Morres my daughter during the residue of the said term, she paying to Elizabeth Morres her sister £34, with power to distrain on the moiety of the said premises in case of non-payment of the said sum. Item whereas I stand seised of certain closes in Netherdarwin & Liuesay for many years yet to come, as by several grants made, not only by Mary Witton of Meadowhead in Lower Darwin, widow, bearing date 17 March, 1656[-7], but also by Richard Houlden of Nether Darwen aforesaid, fustian weaver, bearing date the 12 March, 1648[-9], may appear. Now I hereby assign all my terms in the same to the said Jane and Elizabeth Morres equally between them. To my daughter Jane Morres the stand

[1] This will and the one next following it are two of the earliest wills now preserved at Chester of persons called "Freemasons." They were probably operative masons.

bed and cupboard now standing in my upper chamber where the fire is, so that she let them remain in the said chamber during her mother's estate in that messuage. To my daughter Elizabeth 11 ewes which I have put to "halfe parts," to my brother Thomas Morres, and all the profit thereof. And after my debts, &c., are paid, I will that the rest of my goods shall be divided into three equal parts whereof I will that Alice my wife shall have one part. And a second part I give to Jane and Elizabeth my daughters equally between them. And the third part to be divided into three equall parts, one part to Alice my wife, another part to my daughter Jane, and the third part to my daughter Elizabeth. I make the said Alice my wife and Jane my eldest daughter, my executors.

[Signed] RALPH MORRES M marke.

Witnesses—(Signed) Richard ffoole, Ralph Morres m̃ke R M, John Harwood.

Inventory taken 29 January, 1657[-8], by Mr Thomas Howorth, Richard ffoolle, John Grimshow, and Ralph Chrichley.

Cows, sheep, household goods, &c.

Itm. in Chesfootes[1] - - - - - -	2s
Itm. in Collockes[2] and pigines[3] - - - -	3s
Item in Mason worke loomes - - - -	12s
Total - - £86 13s. 4d.	

[Proved at Chester, 25 April, 1661 (by whom not stated).]

[1] Probably cheese-fatts or cheese-vats, machines by which the whey is pressed out of the cheese.

[2] A collock is a north country word for a large pail. It is given in the *Lancashire Glossary* as a local word still in use.

[3] A piggin is a small wooden pail. This word is still used in Lancashire. (See *Lancashire Glossary*.)

THE WILL OF JOHN WIGAN OF KIRKDALE, CO. LANC., FREEMASON.[1] 1661.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 7 April, 1660. I JOHN WIGAN of Kirkdale, co. Lanc., Freemason. My body to Christian burial. First I bequeath to Anne my now wife the cupboard in the house where I now dwell, and also the standing bed in the upper chamber, together with the feather bed and bolster lying upon the same, therefore they are not to be inventoried. All the rest of my goods, &c., shall be divided into three equal parts, the first part whereof I take to myself, out of which it is my will that my debts, legacies, and funeral expences be discharged. I give to John Wigan of the Lowhill, in Westderbie, £3, to be paid to him by William Dey my brother in law by 5*s.* a year at the feast days of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary and St. Michael the Archangel, and if the said John Wigan shall die before the said sum of £3 be ran up then the remainder of the said sum shall be paid to the said William Dey, his wife and children. To Ellinor Fisher my sister £6. To Mary wife of Edward Chedwicke of the Lowhill 10*s.* To Thomas Wigan and Raphe Wigan sons of Robert Wigan late of the Lowhill, deceased, 5*s.* apiece. To Christian Dey my sister 10*s.* To Alice Middleton of Liverpool, widow, 10*s.* To the three children of William Gorstitch of Kirkdale 3*s.* 4*d.* apiece. To Richard Smoult of Kirkdale 15*s.* To Mary Burges of the same 5*s.* To Katherine Lansdale of Wetherton 5*s.* To Alice wife of John Dickonson of Wavertree 5*s.* To Elizabeth Harrison of Kirkdale, widow, 5*s.* To Ellen Jeynson of the same 2*s.* 6*d.* To John Boulton son of James Boulton of Everton 7*s.* To Ellinor Bootle and Margaret Bootle daughters of Thomas Bootle of Kirkdale 5*s.* apiece. To Thomas Chawner of Lowhill, if he survives me, 2*s.* To Katherine Aspinwall of

[1] See note, p. 70.

Childwall my sister in law 10*s.* To the five children of John Johnson of Everton 2*s.* 6*d.* apiece. To the said John Johnson 5*s.* To the afornamed William Dey 5*s.* To Thomas Wigan of Walton 12*d.*, and to Nicholas his son 5*s.* To Elizabeth Plombe my servant, if she lives with me at my decease, 10*s.* To William Bootle of Kirkdale 5*s.*

All the residue of my said first part shall be employed towards the erecting of a new house at my land at the Breckeside in Westderbie. The second part of all my goods, &c., I give to my said wife Anne. And whereas in January in 1652[-3], I having the tuition of John Thomasson my nephew, did receive for his use the sum of 28li, and have since that time maintained, educated, and kept him the said John Thomasson. Yet nevertheless for the love which I bear him, as also in satisfaction of all accounts. I bequeath the third part of all my said goods, &c., to the said John Thomasson, he allowing to my executrix £5 towards the building of the said new house. I nominate and appoint Anne my said wife sole executrix, and I desire the aforenamed John Johnson and William Dey, as also my neighbour Thomas Boulton, and Thomas Bootle, Kirkdale, to be appraisers of my goods.

JOHN WIGAN, his marke.

Witnesses—John Jonnson, Willm Dey his marke, Thomas Boulton.

Inventory taken 21 May, 1660, by William Dey of Weu̅tree [Wevertree], John Johnson of Eu̅ton [Everton], and Thomas Boulton, and Thomas Bootle of Kirkdale.

Household goods, &c.

"Masons tooles, grate, tonges, & other odd Implements - - - - - 0 12s 0"

Total - - £85 19*s.* 11*d.*

[Proved at Chester by the executrix, 29 April, 1661.]

THE WILL OF REBECCA BOOTH,[1] ONE OF THE DAUGHTERS OF HUMPHREY BOOTH OF SALFORD, CO. LANC., GENT., DECEASED. 1662.

IN the name of God, Amen. I REBECCA BOOTHE one of the daughters of Humphrey Boothe of Salforde, co. Lanc., gent., deceased. I bequeath to my loving father in law £20. To my brother Humphrey Boothe £200. To my sister Saray Boothe £200. To my nephew Thomas Ouldfeild £100. To my cosen Humphrey Boothe £10. To my cosen Anna Corbett £10. To Mrs Emett £5. To my brother Jhon Warren, to my sister Warren his wife, to my sister Holland, to my brother Humphrey Warren, to my brother Henery Warren, to my brother Edward Warren, 20*s*. apiece to buy a ring to be worn by them in remembrance of me. To the poor of Salford £10, and to the poor of Manchester £10. To my sister Ouldfeild "my cross stitch suete stools and chears and silk curtains." I desire that Mr Anger[2] may preach at my funeral, and I give him £3 for his pains. I give my sister Saray my virginalls. I give my two sisters my wearing apparel and all my linens. I give all the residue of my estate to my brother Humphrey Booth, my sister Saray Booth and my sister Mary Ouldfeild, equally amongst them. I appoint and make my brother Humphrey Boothe, and my sister Saray Booth my executors.

Dated 17 June, 1661.

(Signed) REBEKAH BOOTH.

Witnesses—Samuell Dickanson, Willm Davenport.

[1] Her father was Humphrey Booth of Blackley and Salford, who died in March, 1648-9. His widow, Ann, married for her second husband, *c*. 1653-4, Edward Warren of Poynton, Esq., and was buried at Stockport, 31st May, 1662. This explains some of the allusions in the will. She was baptized at Salford, 4th May, 1637.

[2] This was John Angier of Denton, the well known puritian minister of that place.

(No Inventory now preserved with the will.)

[Proved at Chester, 1 Aug., 1662, by the executors.]

THE WILL OF EDWARD HOLLINSHEAD OF HEYWOOD,[1] CO. CHESTER, GENT. 1665.

IN the name of the blessed and Glorious Trinity, Amen, 19 Jan., 16 Charles II. [1665], I EDWARD HOLLINSHED of Heywood, co. Chester, gent., being sick and weak in body. My body to be buried in a decent manner in the burial place at Alderley belonging to me and my ancestors. Imprimis, I devise to my dear mother Mrs Magdalen Hollinshead £60, my two geldings, all my corn and grain and hay. Item to my brother Thomas Hollinshead £5 to buy mourning, and my gray mare. Item to my brother in law Mr William ffallowes 40s., and £5 to buy mourning. Item to my sister Alice, wife of the said William ffallowes, and to my sister in law Mrs ffelicia Hollinshead £5 apiece to buy them mourning. Item to Hugh Hollinshed and John Hollinshed my nephews, sons to Hugh Hollinshed late Rector of Gawseworth, deceased, £20 apiece when 21. Item to Alice ffallowes and Elizabeth ffallowes, my nieces, daughters of my brother in law William ffallowes of ffallowes, gent., £5 apiece. Item to all my god-children living at my decease 40s. apiece. Item to the poor of Nether Alderley £10 to be added to the stock of money for the poor now in the trustees' hands. Item to the parishioners of Alderley £5, and I desire them therewith to cause the belfry to be severed and with wainscoat parted from the church, and that my coat of arms

[1] He was the eldest son of Hugh Hollinshead, gentleman, of Heywood, in the parish of Alderley, co. Chester, by his wife Magdalen, daughter of Henry Birkenhead of Backford, Esq. He was baptized at Alderley on the 25th September, 1630, and was buried there on the 31st January, 1664-5, unmarried. (See *East Cheshire*, vol. ii p. 617.)

and the year of our Lord may be handsomely set upon the said wainscoat. Item to my worthy friend Peter Stanley, Esq., 40*s*. Item to Thomas Deane of the Parke 40*s*. Item to Ann Lingart of Prestbury, widow, 40*s*. And whereas I have charged some part of my land with the sum of £650 for the discharging of my just debts, funeral expenses, and legacies, I devise the remainder of the said sum to my dear mother Mrs Magdalen Hollinshed. And of this my last will I make my said dear mother Mrs Magdalen Hollinshed my executrix, and my brother Thomas Hollinshed, gent., my executor, and my trusty and welbeloved friend Peter Stanley of Alderley, Esq., and my brother in law William ffallowes of ffallowes, gent., overseers. 1664[-5.]

(Signed) EDWARD HOLLINSHED.
(Armorial seal.)

Sealed, &c., in the presence of—(Signed) Henry Vaudray, Thomas Pinkett, Tho. Deane.

Inventory taken 27 March, 1665, by Thomas Grastie, Hugh Deane, John Deane, Edward Gatley.

Household goods, &c.

In the Parlor; in the Hall; in the Brewhouse Chamber; in the Servant's Chamber; in the Chamber over the Kitchen; in the Little Chamber; in the Green Chamber; in his own Chamber.

Itm. Barley in the Mough [*i.e.* mow or rick] - -	8li
Itm. In Armes, three case of Pistolls, one sword, three Hackney Sadles - - - - - - -	2li
Item 2 gold rings and 15*s*. in silver - - -	1li
Total - - £41 4*s*. 4*d*.	

[Proved at Chester, 5 May, 1665, by Thomas Hollinshead one of the executors, power reserved to the other executor.]

THE WILL OF MARIE HOLBROOKE[1] OF MANCHESTER, CO. LANC., WIDOW. 1662.

IN the name of God, Amen. I MARIE HOLBROOKE of Manchester, co. Lanc., widow. It is my will that my funeral expenses and all such debts as I shall owe at my decease, either as executrix to my late husband or otherwise, be paid out of all my goods. And then I give to my son John Holbrooke certain goods hereinafter expressed, that is to say, 10 rings in my little trunk lapped up in a paper whereupon his name John Holbrooke is written, and the silver seal which was his father's and used by him in his life time. Also I give to my said son John, to have the use of during his life, and after his decease to remain as heirlooms to the use of such persons as shall be possessed of the house in which I lately lived in a part thereof, by virtue of an estate to them devised by the last will of my late husband Edward Holbrooke, deceased, that is to say, the cistern of lead standing on the back side of the kitchen belonging to the said house I heretofore lived in, and also the cistern standing in the celler, and the cupboard in the buttery. I give to my daughter in law Marie Holbrooke a black scarf with a lace upon [it], and a pair of gloves with blue ribbons upon [them]. To my son Richard Holbrooke[2] £100 and also 3 rings and 8 pieces of gold, and 20*s*. in money, which said rings, pieces of gold, and 20*s*. are lapped up in a paper and are in my said little trunk on which paper is written the name Richard Holbrooke. To my said son Richard all my brass and pewter, and the boiler

[1] She was the daughter of Richard Fox of Manchester, merchant, and was married to Edward Holbrooke of Manchester, an apothecary there, at the Collegiate Church, on the 26th May, 1619. (See *Court Leet Record*, vol. iv. p. 108.)

[2] This was her second son, Richard Holbrooke of Salford, clerk, who married Elizabeth, younger daughter of the Rev. Richard Heyrick, Warden of Manchester Collegiate Church.

in the aforesaid kitchen, and all my silver plate, except my gilt silver salt, and I also give him the bedstead and bedding in the chamber in my son John's house, called Edward Tikel's chamber, and also the trundle bedstead, court cupboard, &c., belonging to the said chamber. Also I give him the said Richard my best looking glass, and the best wrought cap that was his father's, and that stuff which I bought to have been a gown for myself. To my daughter Marie Poole £20, and 2 rings and 8 pieces of gold in my said little trunk lapped up in paper whereupon her name is written, and also my gilded testament, and to my son Richard that silk fringe I provided and intended for furniture for two beds, and my pair of bellows that are gilded.

To my grandchild Marie Poole my gilded salt before mentioned, and £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To my grandchild Elizabeth Poole £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To my grandchild Elizabeth Holbrooke £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Elizabeth, the wife of Richard Bradshaw, 20*s.* To my neighbour Misteris Minshall a pair of gloves that were given me at the marriage of my daughter Marie Poole, and my new purse of paris work. To Mr Thomas Minshall 20*s.* To Elinor the wife of John Madoke one pair of gloves which my daughter Marie Poole shall think fittest for her, and 20*s.* To my daughter Marie Poole my silk gown. To my sister Elizabeth Ashton my stuff gown. To Mistris Burne 20*s.* To the poor of Manchester £2 10*s.* I appoint that the yearly profits of those buildings that I hold by lease from Mr Hopwood for certain years [be used] towards the payment of 40*s.* yearly to my brother Edward ffoxe for so many years of the term as he shall live, and if the same profits will not extend to pay the same, I will that my executors make up the said sum out of my personal estate. I give the reversion of the said premises to my son John Holbrooke. I give my son in law Raphe Poole one ring which was given to my late husband as a legacy by Elizabeth Johnson, deceased. All the rest of my goods, &c. (my debts, &c., discharged), I give to John Holbrooke, Richard Holbrooke, my sons, and Marie Poole my daughter, equally amongst them. If my said son

John shall demand any part of my estate upon pretence of any promise made by me he shall loose all the benefit of the gifts aforesaid, and I bequeath the same gifts between my said son Richard Holbrooke and my daughter Marie Poole. I make the said Richard Holbrooke my son and Raphe Poole my son in law my executors, and I desire Mr Thomas Minshall of Manchester and William Booth of Reditch to be overseers of the same.

Dated 13 Nov., 1660.

(Signed) MARIE HOLBROOKE,
M.H her marke.

Witnesses—(Signed) John Scolfeild, Samuell Harmar, William Booth.

(No Inventory now preserved with the will.)

[Proved at Chester by the executors, 8 November, 1662.]

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH RADCLIFFE[1] OF MANCHESTER, CO. LANC., WIDOW. 1662.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 31 Dec., 1659. I ELIZABETH RADCLIFFE of Manchester, co. Lanc., widow (late wife of William Radcliffe late of Manchester, Esq., deceased). My body to Christian burial as near as may be to the place where my said late husband lies interred within his chapel in the church of Manchester. Whereas I have purchased two messuages, burgages, and tenements situate in or near a certain

[1] She was the daughter of James Bradshaw of Darcy Lever, co. Lanc., gentleman, and was married at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, on the 9th October, 1600, to William Radcliffe of (the Conduit in) Manchester, Esq., who died in July, 1645. (See *Manchester Court Leet Records*, vol. iv. p. 4.)

street or place in Manchester aforesaid, commonly called the Myllnegate, now or late in the occupation of John Knott and Raphe Traves. And also one other messuage, burgage, and tenement and one stable, with the appurtenances, in or near a certain street or place in Manchester aforesaid, commonly called the Smithy Door, and now or late in the occupations of Raphe Woollen, and John Rylands, in the names of my brother Mr John Bradshawe, and of my nephew Mr James Bradshawe of Macclesfield, co. Chester, clerk (son and heir apparent of my said brother John Bradshawe), in trust for me, and to be by them conveyed and assured in such manner as I should by my last will in writing appoint. Now I hereby appoint that the said John Bradshawe and James Bradshawe shall within 3 years after my decease (in case my grandson William Radclyffe of Graye's Inn, co. Middlesex, Esq., or his heirs shall first within the said time pay to my executors hereinafter named the full sum of £200) convey and assure the said premises to my said grandson William Radclyffe and his heirs for ever. But in case my said grandson shall fail or neglect to pay the said sum in the said time then the said premises shall be sold to any other person or persons, and the money thereby raised shall be accounted part of my personal estate.

And whereas I have taken several grants and assignments of one messuage, with the appurtenances, in Manchester aforesaid, now or late in the occupation of William Plungeon, and one or more parcels of land at or near the Conduit head in Manchester, for some years to come in the names of my aforesaid brother and nephew, in trust for me. My will is that my said grandson William Radclyffe or his heirs shall hold the same during the residue of the terms, after the payment of such sums of money as I have laid out for the same. And touching the disposal of the sums so to be raised and received as aforesaid, and all other my goods, &c., I declare my will as follows:—All such debts as I shall owe shall be paid, and also my funeral expenses which are not to exceed £80. And my will is that my said grandson

William Radclyffe shall have a mourning cloak, and also such of his brothers and sisters as shall be at my funeral shall have mourning. To my said brother John Bradshaw and to my two executors, mourning cloaks. To my loving friend Mr Heyricke, preacher of God's word at Manchester £5. To my loving friend Mr Newcome, preacher of God's word at Manchester £3, and my desire is that one of them may preach at my funeral. To Mr Stopport 40*s*. To my said brother John Bradshaw 40*s*. to buy him a ring. To my said cozen James Bradshawe £10, and to my god-daughter Elizabeth Bradshawe, his daughter, 40*s*. To my loving friend Mr John Lightbowne of Manchester, Counseller at law, £10, and to his daughter Elizabeth Lightbowne 40*s*. to buy her a ring. To my said brother John Bradshawe's wife, and to my cozen James Bradshawe's wife, either of them a gold ring.

To my loving friends Mrs Elizabeth Bradshawe of Manchester 20*s*. and a book called the General Practise of Physic which she heretofore gave me, to Mrs Barnet her sister 10*s*. in gold, and to Mrs Katherine Greene 10*s*. in gold, and to the wife of Mr William Byrom of Manchester 10*s* in gold. To Mr Richard Mear of Manchester 40*s*. to buy him a ring with. To my goddaughter Elizabeth Owen daughter of Samuel Owen of Manchester £3. To my godson John Simcock son of Matthew Simcock of Manchester 20*s*. I give £6 13*s*. 4*d*. to be distributed among the poor householders of Manchester, in lieu of a doal at my decease. To such of my friends as shall have their names written upon any papers, the things therein inclosed as legacies. To my granddaughter Anne Radclyffe my pair of Harpsicalls. I give 20*s*. amongst my poor neighbours by 12*d*. apiece. To my servants such of my apparel as my executors shall think fit. To my grandson James Radclyffe £70, to bind him apprentice, and his brother William Radclyffe shall be bound with him for his faithful apprenticeship. To my said grandchild Anne Radcliffe £50. To my grandson William Radcliffe the gold seal ring which was his father's, and the reason I give him no more is

because I have been at great charge in his education. All the residue of my goods, &c., I devise to my grandchildren John Radcliffe, James Radcliffe, Anne Radcliffe, and Millicent Radcliffe (sons and daughters of my late son Richard Radcliffe[1] of Manchester, Esq., deceased), equally amongst them with benefit of survivorship. I constitute and make my said loving nephew James Bradshawe and my said loving friend John Lightbowne executors of this my will, and desire my said loving brother John Bradshawe to be overseer hereof.

Codicil attached to the will :—I give to my cozen Alice Owen my stuff gown, &c. To my said cozen Mr James Bradshawe, Mr Love's works. To Abigail Kenyon my gray sarge coat, &c. To my maid servant Margaret Roebothom my black sarge gown, &c. To my man Francis Corker 20*s*. To my said granddaughter Anne Radcliffe all the rest of my apparel.

(Signed) ELIZABETH E R RADCLYFFE
her marke.

Sealed, &c., in the presence of—(Signed) Edward Byrom, Richard Hartley, Jeremy Hargreaves, Raphe Heaton.

Inventory taken 23 May, 1660, by Robert Marler, Gyles Edge, William Higginbothom, and John Boardman.

(A long Inventory.) Household goods, &c.

In the Hall; in the sealed closet in the Hall; in the Kitchen; in the great Chamber; in the Chamber over the Kitchen; in the closet; in the Cockloft; in the Buttery.

In plate - - - - - -	54li	6s	5d
In gold - - - - - - -	102li		
In silver - - - - - -	157li	2s	2d
In leases - - - - - -	54li	14s	
In debts - - - - - -	40li		

[1] This Richard Radcliffe, Esq., was the second member of Parliament for Manchester, elected on the 12th August, 1656 (see *Court Leet Records*, vol. iv. p. 159), and who died in July of the following year.

In books—

Mr Loves works - - - - - -	5s	
The General Practise of Phiseck - - -	5s	
Mr Cobbot [Thomas Cobbett] of Prayer - -	1s	6d
One Old Byble - - - - - -	2s	6d
Mr [Thomas] Johnson of Plants and herbs -	4s	
Dod on the Comandements - - - -	1s	
One old Bible of Latine Printe - - -	4s	
Mr [Edward] Gee[1] on prayer - - - -	2s	6d
One Bible covered with Turkey lether - -	7s	
Christians Dayly worke - - - - -	1s	4d
Smiths Sermons - - - - - -	2s	
One Bible in 8o - - - - - -	1s	
One old Testament with Psalms - - -	2s	
Burrowes [Jeremiah Burroughs] Contentment -	1s	4d
Sincere Convert [by Thomas Shepherd] - -		10d
Sanctuary of a Troubled Soule [by Sir John Hayward] - - - - - - -	1s	
Dr Sibbs Souls Conflict - - - - -	1s	
Marrow of Modderne Divinity [by Edward Fisher] - - - - - - -		6d
Practicall Divinity - - - - - -		6d
Culpeppers workes - - - - - -	1s	6d
	(No total.)	

Will with Inventory exhibited Nov., 1662, and Administration granted to the executors.

[1] This was Mr. Edward Gee, rector of Eccleston, co. Lanc., a well known puritan writer.

THE WILL OF PETER RYLANDS[1] OF DAISY HILLOCK, WITHIN WESTHOUGHTON, CO. LANC., YEOMAN. 1662.

"OCT. 27, 1662. I PETER RYLANDS of Westhoughton, within the Parishe of Deane, in the County of Lancaster, yeoman, beinge in good and pfect memorie praysed bee the Allmighty yet knowing Death to be Certaine and the tyme thereof vncertaine Doe therefore make this my last will and testament, &c." To be buried in my parish church. To my son Peter,[2]

[1] The parentage of Peter Rylands is not known with certainty, but he was most probably the son of Peter Rylands of Westhoughton, who was living in 1587 (*Plea Rolls, co. Pal. Lanc., August*, 29 *Eliz., No.* 261, *m.* 19), and the brother of Ralph Rylands whose will and inventory are printed in this volume (see pp. 43–48). He was one of the Agents for Sequestrations under the Parliament, and was, no doubt, a puritan, as most of his family were. Roger Lowe, the diarist, mentions him: "May 1665, 2 tusday, my brother with his wife came with his beasts removing out of Windle into [West] Houghton to Dazy Hillocke to Peter Rylands house, he that was sequestrator, and I brought them towards [West] Houghton." His colleague, in the office of sequestrator, was John Pendleberie, and the signatures of both are attached to documents among the Royalist Composition Papers in the Public Record Office, that of Peter Rylands corresponding with the signature to his will.

[2] This was the Rev. Peter Rylands, or Rilands, M.A., of Trinity College, Dublin, baptized at Leigh church, co. Lanc., 29 October, 1651. Educated at Winwick Grammar School under Mr. Ralph Gorst, B.A. Entered Trinity College, Dublin, 24 June, 1668, as "Peter Rylands, Pensio. filius Petri Rylands, Gener. Natus annos circiter 17 [apud] Westhoughton, in Comit. Lanc. Educatus sub Magis. Gorse." He became Scholar 1672, graduated B.A. 1674, and proceeded M.A. 1676. On 3 March, 1680–81, he was collated treasurer of Limerick cathedral, being installed 4 April, 1681, and in the same year he became a vicar choral. In 1683 he signed an address to King Charles II. He died in 1695, without issue, having married Diana, daughter of Sir Drury Wray, ninth baronet, of Glentworth, co. Lincoln, sometime a lieutenant in Henry Cromwell's Life Guard. Mrs. Rylands married secondly the Rev. William Twigge, Archdeacon of Limerick, and died in the spring of 1729–30, leaving two daughters Jane and Anne. Jane married, in 1716, the Rev. Stackpole Pery, son of Colonel Edmund Pery of Stackpole Court, co. Clare, and Anne married Colonel Thomas Maunsell of Thorpe Malsor, co. Northants. (See Dalton's "*History of the Wrays of Glentworth.*")

household goods and fixtures, he paying for the same to my three daughters Elizabeth[1] Rylands, Sarah Rylands, and Margret Rilands £30. To Thomas Edge, James Edge, and Elizabeth, sons and daughter of Richard Edge of Midle Hulton, deceased, 20*s*. And whereas formerly there was lent vnto Ellen Edge the eldest sister of the said Thomas, James, and Elizabeth, "one great studet bible and one oken chest," but she going beyond the sea left the bible and chest in the custody of Alexander Foster of Adlington, tanner, my will is that Elizabeth Edge shall have the said bible and chest and keep the same till her sister Ellen returns into England to live. "And whereas by marridge Articles it may apeare That Robert Makent of Over Hulton and Henery Green of Atherton on the one pte and behalfe of Sarah my wife and mee the testator on the other ptie that she debarred her selffe for ever clayminge any other or greater pte of my estate reall or psonall then such as then I made over vnto them the said Robert and Henry for Sarah my s^d^ wife, &c.," I give her one piece of gold of 22*s*. To Robert Feilden, my stepson, my watch. Of the rest of my goods to Elizabeth Rylands, Sarah Rylands, and Margret Rylands my daughters, £250. I appoint my friends John Birchall of Ashton, yeoman, and John Guest of Shakerley, husbandman, executors.

An addition in the testator's handwriting and signed by him makes his son in law John Rigbie[2] of Atherton, an executor.

PETER RYLANDS.

Witnesses—Richard Forster, James Grundy, Lambert Grundy, Thomas Edellson.

Inventory £257 9*s*. 7*d*.

[1] Afterwards the wife of . . . Hope and the only relative mentioned in her brother's will, dated 22 July, 1695, and proved at Limerick, 2 September, 1695, by Diana, his relict, the sole executrix.

[2] John Rigbie of Leigh parish, married Ellen Rylands of Westhoughton, at Deane church, 1 January, 1660-61.

[Proved at Chester, 6 June, 1663, by John Birchall, one of the executors, power reserved to the other executors.]

THE WILL OF ROGER GELIBROND OF BEARDWORTH, IN BLACKBURN, CO. LANC., YEOMAN. 1663.

MAY 29, 1658. I ROGER GELIBROND of Beardworth, in Blackburn, co. Lanc., yeoman. Whereas by a note under the hand of me and Lawrence Haworth my son in law bearing date 4 Dec., 1649, it was agreed between us in the words following. A valuation taken of the quick goods of Roger Gelibrond my father in law by my uncle George Halsted by the approbation and consent of the said Roger Gelibrond and me, the said Lawrence Haworth as follows:—two oxen 13^{li} 6^{s} 8^{d}, four oxen 20^{li}, four steers 17^{li}, five stirkes 12^{li} 10^{s}, three calves 4^{li}, two heifers and a stirke 9^{li} 10^{s}, eight kine and a bull 36^{li}, two colts and a mare 10^{li}, the said goods were delivered to me, Lawrence Haworth, by the said Roger Gelibrond, together with oats, barley, hay, and all his household stuff and implements of husbandry, together with the rents of all his lands, &c., and shall remain to me the said Lawrence Haworth. Provided always and I, the said Lawrence, hereby promise to answer the value of the said quick goods, &c., to the said Roger, to be disposed of by him at his death, and so as the said Roger and his wife be sufficiently maintained during his life or till such time as either of us mislike. Now, I the said Roger devise the value of the said quick goods, &c., in manner following: I will the same to be divided into three equal parts, one part to Anne my wife, the second to Grace my daughter, and out of the last part I give to my son in law Lawrence Haworth my great gold ring. To Peter Haworth my grandson my silver bowl, my dish tipped

with silver, six of the best silver spoons, two great arks, &c., and if he die in his minority I give the same to his mother and her heirs. To my said wife my other gold ring and xj^{s} piece of gold. To the said Grace a 10^{s} piece of gold. Whereas I have 40^{li} in gold in my chest, I give the same to Richard Haworth, Thomas Haworth, and Easter [Esther] Haworth my grandchildren equally amongst them. To Mr Clayton our pastor, Mr Harrison, and Mr Briscow, 20^{s} apiece. To Henry Walmisley my old servant 10^{s} and my second suit of apparel. The rest of my apparel to be disposed as my wife and son [in law] shall think fit. To my servants v^{s} apiece. I give my silver buttons at my doublet to my brother Halsted. I give my brown cloak to my brother Walmisley. The residue of my goods, &c., to the said Grace my daughter. I appoint Ann my wife and Lawrence Haworth my son in law, executors.

(Signed) by me ROGER GELIBROND.
(Armorial seal.)

Witnesses—(Signed) Richard Duckeworth, William Piccopp.

Codicil—15 Dec., 1662. To Richard Haworth his grandson the legacy bequeathed to Peter Haworth, he being dead, and to Alice Haworth, another grandchild, the legacy given to Esther Haworth, she being also dead. To Marie Haworth, another grandchild, 20^{li}. To his four servants 10^{s} apiece.

[Proved at Chester, 11 March, 1662[-3], by the executors.]

Inventory taken 7 Jan., 1662[-3], by Thomas (torn) worth, John Walmisley, Robert (torn) eston, and Richard (torn) son.

Household goods, &c.

Owing by Lawrence Haworth, one of the executors - - - - - - -	122^{li} 0^{s} 8^{d}

(No total given.)

THE WILL OF GEORGE SHAWE OF BLACKBURN, CO. LANC., GENT. 1663.[1]

IN the name of God, Amen, the 28 Oct., 1650. I GEORGE SHAWE of Blackburn, co. Lanc., gent. My body to Christian burial. I give and bequeath to the four younger children of my nephew Robert Shawe, Robert, George, Philip, and Anne, the tenement in Tockholes to be divided equally amongst them, at the discretion of Robert Shawe, their grandfather. To Lawrence Shawe my nephew Robert's eldest son, my Lady Houghton's bond, which is £40, to be delivered to my brother Robert, for his use. To the four children of my nephew Edmond Shawe, to Edmund Shawe, Mary, and Dorothy, £20 apiece, and to Jane the wife of William Cruchley £10, to be paid out of Mr Radley's bond. To my brother Mr Robert Shawe £10, out of my whole estate. To Richard Soothworth's four daughters by his first wife, four several obligations of John Bryerley and Robert Berryes, the conditions containing £14 6*s.* apiece to be divided equally amongst them, and likewise £20 which was lent to Ellen Smith to be equally divided amongst them. To Elizabeth Maudesley daughter of Thomas Maudesley £20, and to the rest of his children by Anne his wife, £20 equally amongst them, and £20 equally amongst the three children of John Edge by Lettice his now wife, all to be paid out of John ffish's bond, the condition containing £60. To William Yates and John Edge of Blackburne, one obligation of James Whaley's the condition containing £20, to be equally divided between them. To Lettice Edge, Lawrence Walmesley's bond, being £3. To Henry Walmesley his sister in law's bond. To James Bolton, James Aspinall's bond, being £5. To Alice Clayton 20*s.* To Leonard Clayton, Vicar of Blackburne,

[1] As appears by an endorsement on this will, it was proved in London on the 20th March, 1656–7, and a copy of it was sent to Chester in 1663.

Thomas Bolton's bond, being £10, on condition that he come "once a year to preach at Rivington the Sunday after Midsummer Day to put the people in mind they make no use of the gifts bestowed on the church."

To Anne Moulding my servant 50*s*. and to Jane Morris 25*s*. To Jane Haworth 25*s*., all to be paid out of George Hellin's bond, the condition being £5. To Robert Allenson and James Allenson, Thurstan Hindley's bond, the condition being £20, to be equally divided between them. To Anne Allenson and Elizabeth Sallam her daughter £20, equally amongst them, out of William Sharples' bond. To my nephew John Shawe, Mr Robert Houlden's bond, the condition being £50. To my neice Sill Clarke £10, out of the profits of Stanforth. To my nephew Walter Shaw, and Susan Haworth his sister, Richard Astley's bond, the condition being £20, to be equally divided betwixt them. To my nephew John Feilding, Mr Charnock's bond, the condition being £25. To my nephew Alexander Feilding, Mr Anderton's obligation, the condition being £100. To my cosen Goodwin's wife and Robert Hough, £10 equally betwixt them to buy either of them a cow. To my cosen Richard Shaw, 5 marks a year during his life. To my cosen George Shaw his bill, being £25. To Bridgett Cowburne, the widow Pithorn's bond, the condition being £8. To Ellen Barker 20*s*. Whereas John Lee and Oliver Boulton owe me, the one £6 and the other £5, I give either of them half of their debt. To the poor inhabitants of the township of Blackburn, Mr Aynsworth's bond, being £20, to be dealt at the discretion of Mr Leonard Clayton, Mr William Yates, and John Edge. To the poor inhabitants in Rivington and Anlezark, Heath Charnock and Anderton, Mr Radley and Mr Prestwich's bond, being £100, to be bestowed on lands and the yearly value thereof to be dealt on St. Peter's Day and St. Michael's, by even portions at the discretion of my executors.

After my funeral expences, &c., be paid, I bequeath the residue of my estate to be a stock for ever, to be disposed of by my

executors, and also Richard Kyrshaw and Robert Taylor of Anlezarke, as follows, viz.: To such persons being inhabitants within the townships of Rivington and Anlezarke, Heath Charnock, and Anderton, as are most needful, for taking their houses and such other necessaries, they giving security for the repayment of the same. And my will is that John Bullough of Anlezarke shall first have lent to him £80 for 4 years, and also Richard Abbott of Anlezarke £40, giving good security for the repayment of the same. And afterwards to be disposed of on some land or rent charge at the discretion of my executors and the persons aforesaid. I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends and kinsfolk, my nephew Alexander Feilding of the Streete, and my cosen George Shawe of the Stones House, to be executors of this my last will. And I hereby direct that they shall take into their hands the legacies herein given to my nephew Edmund Shawe's children and employ the same for their best profit, the legacies of such murmuring not to be paid. And I nominate and appoint my welbeloved friend Mr William Yates of Blackburn to be overseer hereof.

GEORGE SHAWE.

Witnesses—Raiph Nuttall, clerke, Richard Shawe, Alexander Feilding, George Shawe, William Yates, John Edge.

[Proved by the executors, 20 March, 1656[-7], before the Judges.]

[The original will and a copy on parchment have been placed with the executor's accounts delivered in to the Court in 1663.]

Inventory taken by Nicholas Wadington and Alexander Greene, yeomen.

In ready money - - - - -	98li		
In Bills and Bonds - - - - -	903li	16s	
In lent money - - - - - -	100li	17s	2d
One lese for three lives of a tenement in Tockholes and Livesay bought of William Clayton - - - - - -	160li		

An order from the Committee of Sequestrations for the occupation of two parts of the demesne of Stanworth till £120 be paid if Sir Richard Houghton so long live - - 120li

Total - - 1382li 13s 2d.

[This is the whole of the Inventory.]

Exhibited 21 March, 1656[-7].

The accounts of George Shawe of Anglezargh, gent., surviving executor of the last will of George Shawe, late of Blackburne, gent., deceased, made 5 May, 1663.

	li	s	d
Funeral charges - - - - - - -	73	17	8
For a plate of brass and for setting it up in Rivington Church - - - - - -	4	10	0

Debts due by decedent.

To William Radley, gent., for the rent of John Neame's house - - - - - - -	6	10	0
To Mr Brigges for Church money - - -	4	0	0
To Mr Dewhurst for Church money - -	8	0	0
To Mr Edmund Shawe for Church money -	8	0	0
To Mr Pigot for costs of suit in law - -	0	18	3
To Mr Pigot for the levying of a Fine of a tenement in Tockholes and Livesay - -	4	0	0

[And other items of which the above are the principal.]

THE WILL OF JOHN CROSSE OF OVER DARWEN, CO. LANC., GENT. 1665.

I JOHN CROSSE of Over Darwen, co. Lanc., gent, do by this my last will bearing date 20 Feb., 1664[-5], appoint and declare that Thomas ffish, Richard Dewhurst, and Ralph Ellison,

and their heirs, shall stand seised of the lands and tenements hereinafter mentioned, viz., all that part of housing and lands which was formerly granted by John Crosse and Richard Crosse, my grandfather and father, to Thomas Haworth, Thomas Fish, and James Livesay, feoffees in trust, for the use of Isabel his then wife and now wife of Evan Halliwell, for her life. Also that the said persons so trusted shall dispose of the profits of that portion of housing and lands which were formerly granted to the said Isabel as far as they will extend towards the satisfaction of the yearly sum of £16 to the said Evan Halliwell during the life of the said Isabel instead of her dower, and also the yearly sum of £5 6*s.* 8d. to Mary Crosse, widow, during her life, being a rent charge out of part of the remainder of the said lands. Also that the said persons shall stand seised of the remainder of the said lands and premises and the profits thereof, viz., that they shall dispose so much thereof as will satisfy the said Evan Halliwell and Mary Crosse in case the other portions will not amount thereto. And that the remainder of the profits shall be divided into three equal parts, one part whereof I give to Margaret my wife, during her life, or a third part of the housing and lands, at her choice, and the other two parts towards the maintenance and education of all my children living at my decease, or my wife in child withall.

As for my temporal estate, my will is that the sum of £100 shall be first paid thereout towards the payment of my debts, and the rest of my goods, &c., to be divided into three equal parts, one part to myself, another to Margaret my wife, and the other amongst all my children. And my own part to be equally divided amongst all my children. And my said trustees shall after the decease of the said Isabel and Mary Crosse, or either of them, stand seised of all the premises granted to the said Isabel, till such time as all my younger children shall have received out of the same premises £20 apiece. And after the ceasing of the aforesaid charges and the dower of the said Margaret, they shall stand seised of all the aforesaid premises to the use of William

Crosse my son and his heirs male for ever. Remainder to Thomas Crosse another of my sons and his heirs male for ever. Remainder to John Crosse another of my sons and his heirs male for ever. Remainder to my heirs male by Margaret my wife or by any other wife. Remainder to my right heirs for ever. My said son William Crosse shall have power to grant the moiety of the said premises for the dower of such wife as he shall lawfully espouse, and to charge the other moiety of the said premises with £200 for his daughters in case he shall die without issue male; and my said son Thomas Crosse shall have like power. I nominate and appoint Margaret my wife sole executrix.

I further appoint that the tenement in Over Darwen which remains unsold beside those which I sold and granted to Mr Warren shall stand chargeable with the payment of £90 towards the discharge of the remaining part of my debts, in case my said son William Crosse do not pay so much of my debts.

JOHN CROSSE.

Witnesses—Ralph Ellison, the mark x of Richard Crosse, Edward Bele.

(A copy of the will is preserved with it.)

[Proved at Chester, by the executrix, 3 Aug., 1665.]

(No Inventory now preserved with the will.)

THE WILL OF EDWARD SHACKLOCK[1] OF MOSTON HALL, PARISH OF MANCHESTER, CO. LANC., GENT. 1666.

IN the name of God, Amen. I EDWARD SHACKLOCK of Moston Hall, in the parish of Manchester, co. Lanc., Gent. Whereas I have mortgaged the capital messuage or mansion house called Moston Hall, and the demesne lands thereto belonging, with several other messuages, lands, &c., in Moston and Faylsworth to Edward Cheetham of Smedley, gent., and James his son, by indenture duly executed, wherein (amongst other covenants) it is agreed that the said Edward Cheetham shall pay to Margaret my wife the sum of £500. It is my will that the said sum shall be paid to my said wife or her assigns according to the true intent of the said indenture. And whereas the said Edward Cheetham hath agreed to pay another sum of money to me or to such persons as by my last will I should appoint to receive the same, I hereby devise the said last mentioned sum and all my lands and tenements called Ryley and Harkenstead Yate, and all other my messuages, lands, &c., in Ryton and Ouldham, which I lately purchased from Henry Wrigley, Esq., and John Rodes, to my executors hereafter named to the intent that they shall sell the same, and employ the money thereby raised and all my personal estate for the satisfaction of my debts and funeral expences. And after the same are paid I give the sum of £250 to Margaret my wife, to the intent that with the interest thereof she shall maintain my sister Mary during her life, and after my said sister's death, my

[1] This Edward Shacklock was the only surviving son and heir of John Shacklock of Moston Hall, gent., who died in 1663. He was baptized at the Collegiate church, Manchester, on the 26th November, 1626, and died without issue in 1666. His wife was Margaret, daughter of Richard Entwistle of Foxholes, co. Lanc., Esq. He was the last male representative of the Shacklock family and parted with his estate to Edward and James Chetham of Smedley, gentlemen.

said wife shall have the said sum to her own use, upon condition that she release her dower to all my lands, &c.

To my brother in law John Davie, clerk, Vicar of Frodsham, co. Chester, and to my sister Elizabeth his wife, £10 apiece to buy mourning, and to Mary Davie their daughter £100. To my aunt Sarah Harteley, widow, £20, and to my cozen John Harteley, his eldest son, £100, if he take upon him the office of executor of this my will, but if he refuse then I give him £50 only, and to the other children of my said aunt Sarah, viz., Jeremiah Hartley, William Hartley, and Elizabeth Roman wife of Edward Roman, £10 apiece. To my aunt Martha wife of Thomas Marshall, glasier and citizen of London, £10, and to her children, Edward, John, and Anna, £5 apiece. To John Entwisle of Ormeschurch, co. Lanc., Esq., £50, if he take upon him the office of executor hereof. Whereas I am interested in one messuage and tenement in Ouldham, of the inheritance of Edmund Ashton of Chatterton, Esq., formerly in the tenure of one James Rodes, I bequeath the same and all my interest therein to John Rodes the younger son of the before named John Rodes of Ryley aforesaid, to the intent that he shall maintain his brothers and sisters out of the profits thereof. Provided that if the said John Rodes shall alien all or any part thereof, then the same shall remain to his brother Abel Rodes upon the trust aforesaid. Also if my lands and tenements called Ryley and Harkinstead Yate shall be sold for more than £650, the surplusage shall be paid amongst John Rodes the elder of Ryley aforesaid, and his children, allowing the said John Rodes the younger a double portion.

Whereas I have purchased a messuage and tenement called Bradshawes tenement in Faylesworth, my will is that the said Edward Chetham, after payment of the sum of £100 to my said executors, shall have the same to him and his heirs, and if the said Edward Chetham shall fail to pay the said sum, I give the said premises to my executors for the payment of my debts, &c. To my cozen Joshua Cudworth of Wernith, the remainder of

what is owing to me upon sale of a bull to him, and to his children 20*s*. apiece. All the residue of my goods, &c., I give to the said John Entwisle and John Hartley, whom I hereby nominate and appoint executors of this my will.

Dated 28 Augst, 1666.

(Signed) EDW. SHACKLOCKE.

Witnesses — (Signed) Thomas Buckley, Mary Entwistle, Robert Butterworth, Ric. Baguley, Thomas Dod.

[Proved at Chester, by the executors, 24 Sept., 1666.

Inventory taken 6 Sept., 1666, by Thomas Ouldam, John Thorpe, John Hulme, and Robert Butterworth, and John Boardman.

Household goods, &c.

Item a term of years determinable upon one life in a messsuage in Manchester of the annual rent of 4^{li} apprized to be sold at - - - - -	20^{li}
Total - -	311^{li} 17^{s} 5^{d}

THE WILL OF CATHERINE NEEDHAM,[1] THIRD DAUGHTER OF THE RT. HON. ROBERT, LORD VISCOUNT KILMOREY, DECEASED. 1666.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 4th April, 15 Charles II. [1663]. I KATHERINE NEDHAM, third daughter of the Rt. Hon. Robert, Lord Vicont Kilmorey, deceased. My body

[1] This lady was the third surviving daughter of the Rt. Hon. Robert Needham, second Viscount Kilmorey, by his second wife Eleanor, daughter and heir of Thomas Dutton of Dutton, Esq., and the widow of Gilbert, Lord Gerard, of Gerards Bromley, co. Stafford. This Catherine Needham died at Dutton on the 11th March, 1665-6. (See Earwaker's *History of Sandbach*, p. 199.)

to the earth to be buried in the parish where I shall depart this natural life. Whereas it pleased my dear father in his lifetime out of his natural love and affection to give me for my portion £1500, to be raised out of certain lands, which I devise and all my personal estate in manner following. Impr. to the Lady Elenor Byron[1] £50 and my guilt cup and the plate belonging to the said cup. Item to my sister the Lady Leister[2] £200, and my black cabinet, and my diamond ring with ten diamonds therein.

Item to Mrs Elizabeth Booth daughter to Sr John Booth, Knt., £200.

Item I desire that £50 be paid to Mrs Depue and that in gold which I owe her.

Item I desire that £30 be paid Doctor Hughes which I owe him for Physic.

Item to Mr Raph Morall £10.

Item to my sister Susanna Scriven[3] £600 and that her husband have the use only of it during his life and after his decease the same to be paid to the said Susanna for her proper use. And in case she die in the lifetime of her husband then he shall have the use thereof for his life, and after his death the said money to be equally divided amongst the children of the said Susanna, and in case there be no children then living, I bequeath £500 parcel of the said £600 to the younger sons of my brother Charles [Robert crossed through] Vicont Kilmorey, deceased, equally between them, and the other £100 to the husband of the said Susanna.

Item to my lady Elizabeth Byron wife of The Rt. Hon. Richard Lord Byron £5.

[1] The testatrix's sister Eleanor married (1) Peter Warburton, Esq. who died in 1641, and (2) John, Lord Byron of Newstead. She died at Chester, 26th January, 1663-4.

[2] This was her half-sister Elizabeth Gerard (daughter of her mother by the latter's first husband Gilbert, Lord Gerard) who was married to Sir Peter Leycester of Tabley, the well known Cheshire antiquary.

[3] Another sister, Susanna Needham, married Richard Scriven of Frodsley, co. Salop, Esq.

Item I desire that £30 debt that I owe for pictures be paid by my executors.

Item to my executors hereafter named a legacy of £25 left me as a legacy by my brother Robert Vicont Kilmorey, deceased.

Item to the poor of the parish where I shall depart this life £5.

Item I nominate and appoint Sr John Booth, Knt., sole executor of this my will.

Item I desire Sr John Booth my now executor to expend on my funerals £30 and no more.

In case any suits arise in obtaining the aforesaid £1500, the charges shall be borne by the said legatees proportionably.

(Signed) KATHERINE NEDHAM.
(Armorial seal.)

Witnesses—(Signed) Rich. Byron, Henry Wynn, Honorel Cardinall, × *signum* Elizabethe Scoller.

I desire my dear mother may have to keep for my sake my best diamond ring and my brother Needhams picture and my little silver chafing dish, and at her decease the ring to go to my sister Egerton,[1] and my brother Needhams picture to my cosen Anne Whitley, and my sister Byrons picture in little to my sister Egerton,[1] and my ring that is done with silver, now at my cozen Beverleys, to my sister Egerton, and all my pictures (except as aforesaid) to my sister Scriven. My cabinet and all my purses, and my mofe and tipets to my sister Leicester, and the cabinet at my sisters decease to go to my niece Nell Leicester. To my brother Nedham the £50 I left in my will to my sister Byron. To my sister Mary £5. To my sister Betty £5 and my black standish. To Mr Morrall £10 more added to that of my will. To my cozen Beverley £10. And these

[1] Penelope Needham, another sister, married Major-General Randolph Egerton of Betley, co. Stafford, and was buried at Westminster Abbey, 22nd March, 1669–70.

legacies to be discharged out of the money that was intended for Doctor Hughes and Mr Hall the picture drawer, whom I have already paid. To my maid Nell Bradley all my wearing clothes. To my sister Scriven one pair of my best Holland sheets and pillow bears.[1] To my maid Nell Bradley my flaxen and all my coarse sheets.

(Signed) K. NEDHAM.

[Proved at Chester, 5 April, 1666, by the sole executor.]

(No Inventory now preserved with the will.)

THE WILL OF DAME ELIANOR, VISCOUNTESS DOWAGER KILMOREY.[2] 1666.

IN the name of God, Amen. I DAME ELIANOR VISCOUNTESS DOWAGER KILLMOREY, widow and relict of the late Rt. Hon. Robert, Lord Viscount Killmorey, late deceased, being in good health. My body to be interred according to the direction of my executor and executrixes. Whereas there are certain debts with interest owing to me from the Rt. Hon. Charles, Lord Gerrard, Baron of Gerrards Bromley, co. Stafford, and others, as

[1] Pillowbere an old word used by Chaucer and other old writers for pillowcase. (See also p. 53.)

[2] This lady was the daughter and heiress of Thomas Dutton, co. Chester, Esq. She was married to her first husband, Gilbert, Lord Gerard of Gerards Bromley, co. Stafford, at Great Budworth, in Cheshire, on the 16th September, 1609, being then only 13 years of age. He died in 1622 leaving issue, and she married secondly, Robert Needham of Shevington, or Shenton, co. Stafford, afterwards created Viscount Kilmorey. She had a large family of three sons and eight daughters by him and died at Dutton, on the 12th March, 1665–6, and was buried at Great Budworth. (See Sir Peter Leycester's *Bucklow Hundred*, p. 259, and Earwaker's *History of Sandbach*, p. 199.)

Item I desire that £30 debt that I owe for pictures be paid by my executors.

Item to my executors hereafter named a legacy of £25 left me as a legacy by my brother Robert Vicont Kilmorey, deceased.

Item to the poor of the parish where I shall depart this life £5.

Item I nominate and appoint Sr John Booth, Knt., sole executor of this my will.

Item I desire Sr John Booth my now executor to expend on my funerals £30 and no more.

In case any suits arise in obtaining the aforesaid £1500, the charges shall be borne by the said legatees proportionably.

(Signed) KATHERINE NEDHAM.
(Armorial seal.)

Witnesses—(Signed) Rich. Byron, Henry Wynn, Honorel Cardinall, × *signum* Elizabethe Scoller.

I desire my dear mother may have to keep for my sake my best diamond ring and my brother Needhams picture and my little silver chafing dish, and at her decease the ring to go to my sister Egerton,[1] and my brother Needhams picture to my cosen Anne Whitley, and my sister Byrons picture in little to my sister Egerton,[1] and my ring that is done with silver, now at my cozen Beverleys, to my sister Egerton, and all my pictures (except as aforesaid) to my sister Scriven. My cabinet and all my purses, and my mofe and tipets to my sister Leicester, and the cabinet at my sisters decease to go to my niece Nell Leicester. To my brother Nedham the £50 I left in my will to my sister Byron. To my sister Mary £5. To my sister Betty £5 and my black standish. To Mr Morrall £10 more added to that of my will. To my cozen Beverley £10. And these

[1] Penelope Needham, another sister, married Major-General Randolph Egerton of Betley, co. Stafford, and was buried at Westminster Abbey, 22nd March, 1669-70.

[Proved at Chester, 16 June, 1666, by the executor and executrixes.]

(No Inventory now preserved with the will.)

THE WILL OF JOHN LEADBEATER[1] OF THE HERMITAGE, CO. CHESTER, GENT. 1667.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 11th Nov., 1667. I JOHN LEADBEATER of Hermitage, co. Chester, gent. My body to the earth. As touching my estate, I give the same to my loving wife, children, and friends, and for the due payment of my debts. First I appoint that out of my goods, &c., my niece Mary Bann may have her £100 paid her, Joane Cowlar of Eaton to have paid unto her also the £40 and the interest thereof which I owe her, also the £120 which I owe my niece Margrett Partington, and also the £6 and interest which I owe unto Dorothie Russell. Whereas I have been at great expense of my son Thomas Leadbeater's education, and since [then] by his marriage with Patience his wife, and have settled on them my capital messuage called the hall of Hermitage, by which I have impaired my younger children's portions, and so by this my will cannot be so free unto him as otherwise I could desire, yet it is my will that in case he will pay to my daughter Margrett Leadbeater for her life, the yearly sum of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* by equal payments, that then my said son Thomas Leadbeater shall have to him and his heirs for ever, all my tithes of corn and grain that shall

[1] John Leadbeater of the Hermitage, in the township of Holmes Chapel, in the parish of Sandbach, co. Chester, was the eldest son and heir of John Leadbeater, yeoman. He purchased the Hermitage about 1650, and lived there till his death in December, 1667. His eldest son was Thomas Leadbeater, clerk, of Christ's College, Cambridge, B.A. 1651, M.A. 1656. (See Earwaker's *History of Sandbach*, pp. 211 and 213.)

become payable out of the fields, closes, lands, &c., belonging to the hall of Eardshawe in the parish of Sandbach, co. Chester, and also all the tithes of corn and grain which I have, unsold, within the township of Cranage in the said county, together with Starkie's Eye tithes, and the tithes payable for Roger Tasker's tenement. And in case my said son do not consent to assure unto my said daughter the said annuity, then I give all the said tithes to my said daughter Margrett and her heirs for ever, and desire my said son Thomas and my son John Leadbeater[1] to convey the said tithes to my said daughter and her heirs, which said tithes are of the value of £80. Also I give unto my said son Thomas Leadbeater all the tables, benches, bedsteads, &c., in those parts of the buildings now in his possession, with the long tables and form in my hall place, my wife having the use of the said tables in the hall during her life, in full of my said son Thomas Leadbeater's portion.

It is my will that my said son John Leadbeater shall have to him and his heirs for ever that my parcel of ground lying in Cranage aforesaid, with the £5 thereupon reserved in the lease by me formerly made, upon condition that my said son John Leadbeater do within one year after my decease pay unto my two daughters Mary Leadbeater and Martha Leadbeater the sum of £60 equally betwixt them, and in case my said son John do not pay the said £60 as aforesaid, then I give the said parcel of meadow ground called Roades Eye with the £5 rent reserved upon the lease thereof, to my said two daughters Mary and Martha Leadbeater, and their heirs for ever. Also I give to my said son John Leadbeater, all my goods in and about the Milne house (my corn an straw excepted) with my best cloak, stuff suit, and tawny garters(?) in full of his portion, having already sufficiently preferred him. I give to my son Peter Leadbeater and Elenor his wife £5 in full of his portion, having been at

[1] This John Leadbeater, the testator's second son, lived at the Mill House in Cranage, married and had issue. (See Earwaker's *History of Sandbach*, p. 213.)

great charges for the obtaining of his trade and payment of his extravagances, beside the £60 I gave him upon his marriage. I give to my son Mathew Leadbeater £5 in full of his portion, having been at great charges upon his education. I give to my daughter Ann Harefynch £5 in full of her portion, having already provided for her upon her marriage with Richard Harefynch her husband. I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Beard all such sums of money which ought to be paid unto me by my brother in law Henry Hartshorne or by William Hartshorne his son, in full of her portion, and I give unto my son William Beard my gloves with gold fringes. I give to my brother Samuel Leadbeater my grey cloth suit with silver buttons, if he please to accept thereof. I leave the rest of my apparel to the disposal of my wife (except my gray gown and black silk garters, which I give to my son Thomas), and my best purse and silver seal which I give to John Leadbeater his son. I give unto my sister Elizabeth Smyth 40*s*. To my sister Mary Street 20*s*. besides the 20*s*. she oweth me.

I give all the tithes of corn and grain arising from the fields, closes, &c., belonging to the three messuages in Church-hulme belonging to Richard Pearpoynt, Joane Bunn, and Elizabeth Stanley (Nightingall's field only excepted), to the use of such persons as shall successively be minister at Church-hulme[1] aforesaid for ever, in full satisfaction of £5 which I have belonging to the minister of Church-hulme.[1] All the residue of my tithes in Church-hulme aforesaid I give to my two daughters Mary Leadbeater and Martha Leadbeater and their heirs equally betwixt them for ever. Provided, that if my said son John Leadbeater desire my said tithes in Church-hulme, and do thereupon pay to my said two daughters Mary and Martha, within 3 years after my decease £180, then I give the said residue of my said tithes to my said son John and his heirs for ever. Provided

[1] Church Hulme is the old name for the present Holmes Chapel, in the parish of Sandbach, co. Chester.

that out of the profits of the said tithes in Church-hulme, or out of the said £180 such sums of money may be raised and paid towards the payment of my debts, legacies, &c., as my goods, &c., fall short to pay. Item, all the rest of my goods, &c., after my debts, legacies, and funeral expenses are discharged, I give to my loving wife Ann Leadbeater and my two daughters Mary Leadbeater and Martha Leadbeater equally amongst them. I ordain and make my said wife and my said two daughters Mary and Martha executrixes of this my last will, and I entreat my two sons Thomas and John Leadbeater, and my two sons in law William Beard and Richard Harefynch to see this my last will performed. I give unto Mary ffarmer, daughter of Mary fforster of the Hollins, the last of the three years' rent which I have in the Hollins ground at Candlemas next.

(Signed) JOHN LEADBETTER.

In p^r^sence of Nathaniell Bann, Hellena Pratt.

[Proved at Chester, 28 Jan., 1667[-8], by Anne Leadbeater the widow, and Mary Leadbeater and Martha Leadbeater, the daughters, the executrixes.]

[This is a copy of the original will, which had been lent to John Leadbeater, son of the deceased. In the bond given for its restoration this John Leadbeater is described as John Leadbeater of Church-hulme, yeoman, and his brother in law Richard Harefinch of Gorstich, co. Chester, yeoman, was bound with him. Dated 8th Feb., 1667[-8].

It is signed, JOHN LEADBEATER,
RICHARD HAREFINCH.]

A true and perfect Inventory of the goods, &c., of John Leadbeater of Hermitage, in the parish of Sandbach, co. Chester, late deceased, as they were valued by William Sandylands, Hugh Lowndes, John Smethley, and John Johnson, Dec., 18, 1667.

[The following is a full list of the debts in the Inventory.]

	£	s.	d.
It. oweing from Mrs Wilcoxon of Congleton upon specialty - - - - - - - -	10	0	0
It. oweing from Randle fforster upon specialty	10	0	0
It. oweing from Randle fforster upon another specialty - - - - - - - -	25	12	0
It. oweing from Egremond Davis upon specialty wch will be due upon Jan. 2d, 1667[-8] - -	17	19	0
It. oweing from Egremond Davis without specialty - - - - - - - -	3	12	0
It. owing (without specialty) from Margret Breech 1li 6s 0d, and from Willm Lane 7s, and from William Armstrong 2s 4d, and from Willm Rowley 3s 8d, and ffrom Samuel ffox and Mathew Lownds 6s 8d - - - -	2	5	8
It. Debts wch are accounted despate,[1] from John Brodhurst 10s, William Norbury 5s, Anne Barlow and Willm Neeld 9s 4d, Tristram Malbone 15s 4d, John Cotton 3s 8d, Lawrence fforstr 2s 6d, Margret Strech 4s 4d, Willm Kennrley 1s 2d - - - - - -	2	11	4
Total of Inv. - - 324li 18s 08d			

THE WILL OF JOSHUA CUDWORTH[2] OF WERNITH, CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1667.

IN the, &c. I JOSUAH CUDWORTH of Wernith, co. Lanc., gent. To be buried in my chapel in the north side of the chancel of the parish church of Oldham, where my ancestors

[1] "Desperate debts" were those which it was improbable would ever be paid. (See p. 19, note 1.)

[2] The will of Ralph Cudworth of Werneth, gentleman, proved 1572, has been printed on page 1, and that of John Cudworth, 1631, on page 39.

have been formerly buried. That Anne my wife shall have one full third part of all my manors, messuages, lands, tenements, &c., as expressed in an indenture bearing date 3 July, 1650, made between John Cudworth of the city of London, gent., and me the said Josuah upon the first part, and John Holcrofte of Holcrofte, Esqr, deceased, upon the second part, and Edmund Hopwood of Hopwood, Esqr, Nicholas Moseley of Ancoats, Esqr, Edward Moseley of Grayes Inne, Esqr, and James Holland of Newton in the parish of Manchester, gent., upon the third part. And also one third part of all other the lands which now I have in possession, in the counties of Lancaster and York, for the term of her life, in full satisfaction of her dower. The sum of £500 to be raised for younger children. Certain lands to remain to John Cudworth my eldest son for his life, and to the heirs male of his body; remainder to my second son Josuah Cudworth for his life, and to his heirs male; remainder to my third, fourth, &c., sons; in default to my brother John Cudworth and his heirs male; in default to my brother Jonas Cudworth and his heirs male; in default to my right heirs. My personal estate after my death to be divided into three parts, one part to Anne my wife, one other part to each of my younger children as shall have part of the aforesaid £500, and out of my own part, I give to my son John and to my younger daughter Elizabeth £20 more, and to my uncle John Sandiforth 5*s*. To my cousin Edward Shacklocke[1] 5*s*. The residue of my third part to my son Josuah.

I make my beloved wife, my uncle John Sandiforth, and my cousin Edward Shacklocke,[1] executors. Dated 11th January, 1661[-2.]

Witnesses—John Cudworth, Edw. Holroid, Abraham Stansfield.

[Proved at Chester, 27 June, 1667, by Anne Cudworth, relict

[1] See his will on pp. 94-96.

and executrix, power reserved to John Sandiford, Edward Shacklock being then deceased.]

Total of Inventory - - £324 12*s.* 0*d.*

THE WILL OF JOHN HARTLEY[1] OF STRANGEWAYS, CO. LANC., ESQ. 1669.[2]

IN the name of God, Amen, 1 May, 1655. I JOHN HARTLEY of Strangeways, co. Lanc., Esq., make this my last will in manner following. My body to Christian burial within my chapel in the parish church of Manchester. All my debts and funeral expences to be paid out of my whole goods. All the residue of my goods, &c., shall be divided into two equal parts, whereof I will that my daughter Elline Hartley shall have one equal part in lieu of her filial portion, and the other part I reserve to myself and dispose thereof as follows. To Alice my now wife £100, besides the sum of £500 which before my marriage with the said Alice I agreed to leave her in case she survived me, provided that the said Alice do not at any time after my decease demand jointure out of any my messuages, lands, &c., other than what I have or shall grant to her, and shall not demand any of my goods, &c., other than the said £500 and her own wearing jewels, rings, and convenient furniture

[1] This John Hartley, Esq., was the second son, and ultimately heir, of Nicholas Hartley of Manchester, woollen draper, who died in 1609. He was twice married. By his first wife Alice, daughter of John Bradshaw of Bradshaw, co. Lanc., Esq., who died in 1631, he had an only daughter and heiress, Ellen Hartley, who was married on the 17th April, 1650, to John Hartley, the son of Ralph Hartley, citizen of London. By his second wife, also named Alice, who survived him and was buried at Manchester on the 23rd May, 1658, he had three children, who all died young. (See *Manchester Court Leet Records*, vol. iv. p. 291, note.)

[2] This will was proved in London in 1655, but the copy now at Chester is placed under the year 1669. (See next page.)

for her bed. To Richard Herrick, clerk, now preacher of the word of God at Manchester, £3, and to Richard Hollingworth, clerk, now likewise preacher of the word of God at Manchester, £3. To my late servant Richard Lomax 40s, to buy him a gold ring. To every woman servant that shall dwell with me as my own proper peculiar servant at my decease 20s apiece. To the poor people of Manchester £20. To John Holbrooke of Manchester, gent., and to Arthur Bulkley of the same town, woollen draper, 40s apiece. To Margaret Parr, nurse to my grandchild John Hartley 40s. All the residue of my goods, &c., to my said daughter Elline Hartley. I constitute the said Elline Hartley my daughter sole executrix.

Witnesses—John Bradshaw, Ra. Bradshaw, Arthur Bulkley, Samuel Sather, Thomas Pratchett.

[Proved at London, 26 Nov., 1655.]

Extracted from the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury :—

"This will having been frequently searched for in this Registry and tho' entered in the Alphabet of the year 1669 yet no will being found upon the File: in the year 1764, I caused this Copy to be made from one from the Prerogative Court which accidentally fell into my hands.

HUGH SPEED."

(No Inventory now preserved with the will.)

THE WILL OF THEOPHILUS HOWORTH[1] OF HOWORTH, CO. LANC., DOCTOR IN PHYSIC. 1671.

IN the name of God, Amen. I THEOPHILUS HOWORTH of Howorth, co. Lanc., Doctor in Physic. It is my will that my funeral expences, and the sum of £10 which I give to the poor within the town of Manchester to be distributed amongst the most needy, shall be first paid out of my personal estate. And whereas I have by one indenture dated 24 March, 1670[-1], made between me the said Theophilus Howorth on the one part, and Henry Ashhurst of London the elder, Esquire, Thomas Minshull of Manchester the younger, and Joseph Duerden of Rachdale on the other part, whereby I have given full power to the said Henry Ashhurst, &c., to pay such annuities and sums of money as shall be payable out of the rents, &c., of all my messuages, lands, &c., in Howorth, Rachdale, Hundersfield, Butterworth, or elsewhere in the parish of Rachdale, and out of all that my messuage and tenement of the manor of Steed, and out of all my messuages, lands, &c., elsewhere in the county of Lancaster aforesaid, and also charged all the said lands with an yearly annuity and competent portion for

[1] Theophilus Howorth was the fourth son of Edmund Howorth of Howorth, co. Lanc., and was born about the year 1614. He became "a doctor of physic," and settled in Manchester, where he had a large practise. He married Mary, daughter of Henry Ashhurst of Ashhurst, co. Lanc., Esq., and the widow of Andrew Stone, late of Bretherton, gentleman, by whom he had two children, Henry and Elizabeth. He died on the 9th April, and was buried at the Collegiate church, Manchester, on the 12 April, 1671, aged 57. He was fond of genealogical and heraldic enquiries, and corresponded with Dugdale and others. Some of his *MS.* collections are amongst Canon Raines' miscellaneous deeds in the Chetham Library, Manchester.

the maintenance of my only daughter Elizabeth Howorth, to be paid her in manner therein declared, which said annuity and portion I hereby ratify and confirm. Now it is my will that all the residue of my goods, &c., be disposed of in manner following. I give to Mary Howorth my wife the third part of my household goods for her use during her life, and after her decease the said goods to descend to my only son and heir apparent Henry Howorth.

And in regard I have charged my lands to pay so much of my debts as part of my personal estate may not extend unto, I therefore bequeath to my said son Henry Howorth, all my books and so much of all my goods, &c., as he the said Henry Howorth shall please to take for his own use. And all the rest of my said personal estate as arrears of rents due out of Howorth, Rachdale, Hundersfield, and Butterworth, as also all those arrears of rent unpaid from the manor of Steed (which said arrears of rent from Steed are secured by a statute acknowledged at Wigan the 29 March, 1671), and all other my goods, &c., shall be disposed of towards paying my debts. And I give to my said wife Mary Howorth (in case I die before Whitsunday next) £20, and it is my will that she shall receive the third part of the profits of all my lands until the 25th March, 1674, and then to receive the third part of the yearly profits of the said lands or such a yearly sum of money as is mentioned in the said indenture or deed of trust, to be in full satisfaction of her jointure or dower. It is my will that the legacy left to my daughter Elizabeth Howorth by her aunt Hartley be duly given to her, and I further give my said daughter the little bay mare. I give to Henry Ashhurst, Thomas Mynshull, and Joseph Duerden aforesaid, 20s each to buy mourning rings, and I empower them to borrow money to satisfy my creditors, if they shall call for the money due to them, with security out of the lands at Howorth and Clegge. And as concerning all my messuages, lands, &c., in Howorth, Clegge, Hundersfield, Rachdale, or elsewhere in the county of Lancaster, I confirm the

same to my only son and heir apparent Henry Howorth according as I have already settled the same, and my said son shall receive a competent yearly annuity for his maintenance at Lincoln's Inn or elsewhere, until he shall be 21 years of age. I constitute and make Mary Howorth my wife and my son Henry Howorth sole executors of this my will.

(Signed) THEOPHILUS HOWORTH.
(Armorial seal illegible.)

Sealed, &c., in the presence of—(Signed) Thomas Mynshull, senior, Joseph Werden, Richard Latham, March ye xxxi. Año Dñi 1671.

[Proved at Chester, by the executors, 12 June, 1671.]

Inventory taken 9 April, 1671.

Household, goods, &c.

In the Hall, one Clock, 4^li; in the Great Parlor, pictures of several sorts, 10^li; in the Brewhouse; in the Entry Closet; in the Buttery; in the Washhouse; in the Kitchin; in the Kitchin Closet; in the Cellar; in the Great Chamber; in the Storehouse; in the Blew Chamber; in the Man's Chamber; in the Gallery; in the Study, the Library, 40^li; in the Maid's Chamber; in the Wash House Chamber; in the Kitchin Chamber; in the Closset.

A gray mare - - - - - - -	12^li 10^s
A young gelding - - - - - -	14^li 15^s
Plate 185 ounces - - - - - -	44^li 14^s

At Salford Barn; att Clegge; in the low entry; in the Brew house; in the Gallery; over the Kitchen Chamber.

Total - - 360^li 5^s 8^d.

Thos Mynshull, senior,
Samuel Harmer, senior,
William Bardsey,
Richard Latham,
} Appraisers.

Exhibited 10 June, 1671.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM BELL[1] OF HUYTON, CO. LANC., CLERK. 1684.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 9 Feb., 1683[-4]. I WILLIAM BELL of Huyton, co. Lanc., clerk. My body to the earth from whence it was framed. Whereas I the said William Bell being seised of and in the capital messuage and tenement with all the appurtenances situate in Ashton-under-Line, co. Lanc., commonly called by the name of Sinderland, did by indenture of lease and release, the release bearing date the 20 Augst, 35 Chas. II. [1683], and made between me on the one part, and John Heywood of Taunton, within the parish of Ashton-under-Line aforesaid, gent., John Brownsword of Aughton, in the said county, clerk, and Tabitha Bell of Huyton aforesaid, spinster,

[1] This William Bell was the only son and heir of Mr. William Bell of Manchester and Ashton-under-Lyne, whose will has already been printed in this volume (see pp. 48–51). He was married at Oldham in 1629 to his first wife Ann Walker, and about 1660 to his second wife Anne, daughter of Robert Hyde of Denton, co. Lanc., Esq. He had issue by both wives. He was a Master of Arts, but his name does not occur amongst the Oxford or Cambridge graduates. He was appointed to the vicarage of Huyton near Liverpool in 1642, but resigned it in 1662 on account of his non-conformity. For some years he lived at Sunderland in Ashton-under-Lyne parish, where he had an estate, but ultimately returned to Huyton and died there the 10th March, 1683–4, in the 80th year of his age. He was buried in the church there, where an inscription to his memory is still preserved. He published several books, all now of much rarity. (See *Manchester Court Leet Records*, vol. vi. pp. 233–4, note.)

on the other part, grant, bargain, and confirm, all the said capital messuage, &c., to the said John Heywood, &c., to the use of me the said William Bell during my life, and after my decease to such uses as I should by any my deed or last will in writing appoint. Now I the said William Bell do hereby appoint that the said John Heywood, &c., shall immediately after my decease sell the said premises, and shall employ the purchase money for the payment of my debts and funeral expences, and then shall thereout pay to my eldest son Peter Bell £100. And I give the said Peter Bell all my ministery notes, whether bound up or loose papers, and all my wearing apparel as gowns, cassocks, cloaks, and others, in full of his filial portion of my real and personal estate, after the many hundred pounds which I have paid for him, being much more than would by right have belonged to him.

To my son Timothy Bell £10 in full of his filial portion. To my daughter Lydia Bell £10 for perfecting her education either at Manchester or Chester. To my three younger children Tabitha Bell, Lydia Bell, and Samuel Bell, all my lands and tenements in the parish of Oldham, co. Lanc., and in Stockport, co. Chester, to hold to them their heirs and assigns for ever, equally amongst them, but not to include Stockport lands which I have already conveyed to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of the said John Brownsword. To my said daughter Elizabeth Brownsworth the virginalls that were her mother's and also my silver can in full of her filial portion. To my daughter Tabitha all my silver spoons. To my daughter Lydia my gold ring. To my son Samuel my watch. All the residue of my real and personal estate to my executrix to the uses following, viz., £200 to such uses as I have already declared to my daughters Tabitha and Lidia, £3 to be added to the stock for the poor of Huyton, and the residue I devise equally amongst my said three youngest children Tibitha, Lidia, and Samuel, and nominate the said Tabitha Bell executrix.

(Signed) WILLIAM BELL.

Witnesses—(Signed) Elline Parte her marke, Dan. Lawton, Jonat. Bolton.

[Proved at Chester, 12 June, 1684, by Tabitha Bell, the executrix.]

Inventory taken by John Davidson and Richard Garnett, two indifferent neighbours.

Household goods, &c.

In the parlour; in the Hall; in the Kitchen chamber; in the Old Parlour; in the Parlour Entry, one clock, 1li; in the Kitchen; at Sinderland; in Manchester.

In silver plate - - - - - - -	3li
One silver watch - - - - - - -	2li
A Library of books - - - - - -	30li
Total of Inventory - - £87 18*s.* 8*d.*	

THE WILL OF MARY BUNBURY[1] OF STANNEY, CO. CHESTER, SPINSTER. 1686.

IN the name of God, Amen, 8 Sept., 1684. I MARY BUNBURY, late of Stanney, co. Chester, spinster. My body to the earth "to be buried in a handsome and decent manner as my Brother thinketh ffitt." And for what my father Thomas Bunbury of Bunbury and Stanney, Baronett, gave me as my portion I desire it may be disposed on this manner, if my brother Henry Bunbury, Baronett, thinks fit, who I do constitute and ordain as my sole executor, excepting against all else. First, I leave and bequeath to him my dear brother, ten pounds

[1] This lady was one of the seven daughters of Sir Thomas Bunbury of Bunbury and Stanney, co. Chester, bart., by his first wife Sarah, daughter of Sir John Chetwood of Oakley, co. Stafford, knt. According to the endorsement on this will, she died at Wrexham, but she was buried at Thornton in Cheshire, on the 17th June, 1686, aged only 19 years. (See Ormerod's *Cheshire*, new edition, vol. ii. p. 396.)

to buy him mourning cloaths and my father's picture and all my books. To my sister, my brother's wife, 10 pounds to buy her mourning. To Lady Eyton 20s to buy her a ring. To my sister Ann Eyton £5 to buy her mourning. To my nephew Henry Bunbury £100. To my nephew William Bunbury £100. To my nephew John Bunbury £100. Item to my nephew Joseph Bunbury £100. Item to my nephew Richard Bunbury £100. Item to my sister Greene's children, Neddy and John and Tommy and Sarah, £50 each, to be put out at use for them. Item to my dear aunt Legh £100. Item to my cozen Frances Legh my silver Pepper Box and silver Grater. To my aunt Cowley £5. Item to my aunt Morgan £5. Item to my cozen Betty £1 to buy her a ring.

Item to my uncle Henry Bunbury £1 to buy him a ring. To my aunt his wife £1 to buy her a ring. Item to my uncle Joseph Bunbury and my aunt his wife £1 apiece to buy them rings. Item to my aunt Mary Bunbury and my cosen Charles Bunbury and cosen William Bunbury £1 apiece to buy them rings. Item to my aunt Dye Bunbury and cosen Dulcibella Bunbury £1 apiece to buy them rings. Item to my aunt Chetwood and cosen John Chetwood £1 apiece to buy them rings. Item to my mother Lady Bunbury £1 to buy her a ring, and my velvet mantle. Item to my sister Priscella Bunbury and sister Lucy Bunbury £100 apiece. Item to my cosen Sarah Banks £1 to buy her a ring. Item to my cosen Susanna Manley of the Lache £1 to buy her a ring. Item to my sister Bunbury and sister Amy and my cosen Puleston, the widow, and cosen Sussanna Puleston £1 apiece to buy them rings. Item I leave to Lady Eyton £5 to buy her a piece of plate. I leave to the poor of Stoak parish £100. To my brother Bunbury's servants, Richard and Margaret and Betty Nicholls, and Catherine and Mary and Mrs Sauntley and David and Jack, £1 apiece. Item to my maid, cosen Alice Mather, £100 and all my cloaths. Item to my sister Bunbury my point coronett. Item to my cosen Fowne's wife £100. Item to Mr Wynn, the parson,

one guinea to preach my funeral sermon. Item to my cosen Tom Berkett and his wife £1 apiece.

[Proved at Chester as the will of Mary Bunbury, daughter of Sir Thomas Bunbury, late of Bunbury and Stanney, co. Chester, Bart., deceased, lately deceased at Wrexham, co. Denbigh, but having goods, &c., within the county of Chester, 27 July, 1686.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS NEDHAM[1] OF DUTTON LODGE, CO. CHESTER, ESQ. 1690.

IN the name of God, Amen. I THOMAS NEDHAM of Dutton Lodge, co. Chester, Esq., being sick and weak in body. My body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors. First I make and constitute my loving friends ffrancis Cholmondeley of Vaile Royall, co. Chester, Esqre, Thomas Holford of Newbrough, in the said county, Esqre, John Venables of Agdon, in the said county, Esqre, and my servant Peter Bromfeild, executors hereof, and desire that all my debts and funeral expenses may be by them paid. And the better to enable them so to do I devise to my said executors, all and singular my lands, &c., whatsoever and wheresoever, and all my household stuff, goods, &c., whatsoever, to the following uses, that is to say. First that my funeral expences be thereout discharged, and after that all my servants be paid their wages and all other sums due to them, and being so paid to be discharged my service. And afterwards all other my debts shall be paid. And then I devise to my said executors £5 apiece for their great care in executing hereof. And what remains of my estate either

[1] This Thomas Needham was the second son of Robert, second Viscount Kilmorey, by his second wife, Eleanor, daughter of Thomas Dutton of Dutton, Esq., and the widow of Gilbert, Lord Gerard of Gerards Bromley, co. Stafford. He lived at Dutton Lodge in the parish of Great Budworth, where he died, without issue, in 1690. (See Earwaker's *History of Sandbach*, p. 190.)

real or personal, I devise to my dear sisters the Lady Mary Clapham[1] and Mrs Elizabeth Nedham, their heirs and assigns for ever, equally between them.

Dated 8 June, 1689.

(Signed) THO. NEDHAM.

Sealed, &c., in the presence of (Signed) Phill. Oldfield, George Eaton, his m̃ke, Jeff. Boughey.

Endorsed—"Capt Nedhams Will."

[Proved at Chester, 1 Oct., 1690, by Francis Cholmondeley, Esq., John Venables, Esq., and Peter Bromfield, gent., the executors.]

Inventory of all the goods, &c., of The Hon. Thomas Nedham of Dutton, Esq., late deceased. [No date.]

Household goods.

In the Hall; in the Paintry; in the Paintry cellar; in the Glass Roome, 1 large map, 10s, 1 Spanish Table, 2s; in the Kitchin; in the wett larder; in the wash house; in the dary; in the Inner dary; in the Brew house; in the Great Cellar; in the Garden Chamber; in Mr Benbow's Roome; in the Captain's Roome; in the passage Roome; in the Dyneing Roome, A sueit of tapstry hangings, 8li, 14 Red chairs, 1li 15s; in the Best Chamber, One Downe Bed at 12d p l, 3li 10s, The lady Byron's picturs and a Chymny peice, 5li; in the Red Garett; in the little Garrett; in the store Chamber; in Betty ffletcher's Chamber; in the Closett in Betty ffletcher's Chamber, A Brass Clock, 1li 10s 0d; in the Maid's Chamber; in the Best Stable; in the Cart Stable; in the Coult Stable; in the Cart house; in the shippin; in the Granery; in the barne; in the fflagged Court; in the Back yard; att Bartington Bowling house; in the Studdy.

[1] This Mary Needham had married, subsequent to the year 1669, Sir Christopher Clapham, knt.

The Books according to the Catalogue - -	15li		
A watch wch goes by springs - - -	1ii	6s	8d
Best Case of pistolls - - - - -	2li		
The screwed pistolls 15s his own watch 50s -	3li	5s	
A fflaminge sword - - - - -	1li		
An Aggatt knife and fork hafts - - -		2s	6d
A tortoise shell box wth a gold pin - -		7s	6
A Blunderbush 6s 8d, A table clock 5li - -	5li	6s	8d
The parke and park's lands - - - -	350li		
The parke and parke land for part of a year till it was sould - - - - -	30li		
Itm. a debt due to ye decedt dated the 25th of Augt (76), from Raph Leicester, Esq., being	100li		

Goods at Chester House.

Total of Inv. - - 618li 3s 5d

[A long Inventory.]

Appraisers—Mathew Browne, William Pemberton.

Exhibited 7 April, 1692.

THE WILL OF PETER LEIGH OF NETHER KNUTSFORD, CO. CHESTER, CLERK. 1694.

THE 27 May, 1693. I PETER LEIGH of Nether Knotsford, co. Chester, clerk. Touching the two fields or parcels of land in Meire, co. Chester, called the Rough Fields, I bequeath the same to Mary Leigh my daughter for and during the life of Mary Leigh my now wife and for 7 years after the death of the said Mary my wife, and afterwards then to Moses Leigh my son and his heirs, and in default of such heirs then to the said Mary Leigh and to her heirs, and in default of such then to my right

heirs. And whereas by deed of settlement bearing date 28 August, 24 Charles II. [1672], I reserved to myself power to charge my capital messuage and tenement in Northwood in High Leigh, with any sum of money for portions for my younger children not exceeding £300. Now I do by this my last will charge the said capital messuage with the full sum of £300 to be raised after the death of my said wife Mary, and the same to be paid to the said Mary Leigh my daughter in part of her portion out of my personal estate, my debts and funeral expenses first being discharged. I give £10 to the said Moses Leigh my son, and the residue to be divided between the said Mary Leigh my wife and Mary Leigh my daughter, and I appoint the said Mary Leigh my daughter and my kinsman John Robinson my executors.

(Signed) PETER LEIGH.
(Small handwriting, rather shaky.)

Witnesses—William Smith, Timothy Boydell, Peter Wood.

[Proved at Chester, 7 Feb., 1693-4.]

Total of Inventory - - £34 12*s.* 5*d.*

THE WILL OF NATHAN GOLBORNE[1] OF WARRINGTON, CO. LANC., CLERK. 1696.

IN the name of god, Amen. I NATHAN GOULBORNE of Warrington, co. Lanc., clerk. My body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors. I devise all my messuages and tenements situate near Conneys (?) Corner, in Warrington, now farmed by one Daniel Hingley, to my loving

[1] The testator was probably the son of John Golbourne of Warrington, gentleman (see note on next page). He was buried at Warrington on the 12th March, 1691-2, as "Mr. Nathan Golborne, minister."

brother John Goulborne for all my term and interest in the same. To my brother in law William Woods £6. To my sister Mary Hesketh £5. To my sister Alice Sutton £5, to be paid into the hands of Mr John Earle, the said William Woods, and Thomas Heywood, an apothecary, for her use. To my loving brother Thomas Goulborne,[1] clerk, my best cloth gown, my watch, and my best hat. To my sister Hannah Woods my two golden rings, my double rug upon my bed and my trunk. To my godson John Goulborne all my books and library whatsoever. In case the said Mary Hesketh and Alice Sutton or either of them do die before their legacies become due, then I give the same legacies to my executors to be divided between them. To my sister Hannah Woods my old cloath gown, and to Maria Daniell her servant 10s for her paines service to and for me in my sickness. I request my reverend friend Mr Hadden to preach my funeral sermon, hoping Mr Shaw will do him the kindness to lend him his pulpit for that occasion, and I constitute my said brothers William Woods and John Goulborne my executors. Dated 29th Jan., 1691[-2.]

(Signed) NATHAN GOULBORNE.

Sealed, signed, &c., in the presence of—Will. Burley, Richard Drinkwater, John Clough.

[Proved at Chester, 22 Oct., 1696.]

(No Inventory.)

[1] A Thomas Goulborne the son of John Goulborne of Warrington, gentleman, matriculated at Oxford, from Brasenose College, 13 May, 1673, aged 18, B.A. 23rd January, 1676-7. If this is the Thomas Goulborne here mentioned, it is clear that the testator was the son of the same John Goulborne, gentleman.

APPENDIX.

Lancashire and Cheshire Wills

PROVED AT YORK OR RICHMOND,

1542 TO 1700.[1]

THE WILL OF LEONARD FELL OF ULVERSTON,

ERRATUM.

Page 121, line 4, *for* "1700" *read* "1649."

the faithfull companye of saynts and my bodye to be erthyd in the parish church afforenamyd. And the daye of my buryall to have all prests y[t] may be gotten to praye for me and they to have vi[d] every one towarde y[r] paynes. And the dewties of the churche to be gevyn without impediment accordyng to the law and usage. Forther I wyll y[t] Sir Leonarde Fell, prest of the saide

[1] These wills were noted by the Rev. James Raine, M.A., Canon of York, and abstracts of them by him were sent to the late Canon Raines of Milnrow, amongst whose miscellaneous *MSS.* in the Chetham Library, they are now preserved.

parich, praye for me duringe a complete yeare directly ensuyng the datte herof and he to have xl^{s} sterling and his bordinge as meate and drinke or els y^{r}fore as my executors and he aptelye agre for the same, moreover, I bequeth and gyve to the bueldyng of the church stepyll of Ulverstone xl^{s} sterlyng. Item I gyve by this my last will and testament in like sorte and effecte as by former deeds and releeses maide y^{r}of thes howsyngs and lands ensuyng whiche I purchasyde. Fyrst I gyve to Leonard Fell, son of my son Richarde Fell, the howsyng and lands w^{t} all appertenances lyinge at Crakeside in the saide parich late in the tenure of Edwarde Adyson and he to have the deeds y^{r}of delyvered. Item I gyve a masser [? a maser bowl] unto the saide Leonarde after the wedowheade or death of Ann my wyf. Item I gyve unto George Fell, my son, the howsing and lands which . . . . Eggen dwells in and occupies and y^{t} whiche Will Jakeson dwells in and occupies w^{t} all commodities.

[Proved at Richmond, 1542.][1]

THE WILL OF THOMAS CHAMER OF DALTON-IN-FURNESS. 1549.

IN nomine Dei Amen. In the yere of our Lord God M.D. and xlviijth, and the ixth day of the moneth of Marche, [1548–9], I THOMAS CHAMER off the paraysshyng of Dalton in Furnes, beyng of hole mynde and in good and perfite remembrance, lawde and praise be unto Almighty God, make and ordeyne this my present testamend contenyng herein my last wyll in maner and fowrme folowyng. That is to saye, fyrst, I commende my soule unto Almyghty God, my maker and redemer, and my body to be beryed in the parysshe chirche of Dalton. Also it ys my

[1] This will is not in its proper place in the index of the Richmond Wills, 1457 to 1680, printed by the Record Society, but is in the Addenda at the end of that volume.

wyll y^{t} my wyffe be left at my howse duryng hyr wedowhed, and after that she do departe or chaynge my name my wyll ys that Richarde, my son, shall have all my hole tenement called Bowth, by lycence of the kyngs heightnes and his officars, provydett always that my sayd son Richarde shall never hereafter sett, sell, nor ly in morgage noo part nor parcell of the said tenement called Bouth, with appurtenances, to no maner of person nor persons, bott it holly to remayne to Wylliam Chamer, son of the said Richard. Also it ys my wyll y^{t} yff my wyffe and my son Richarde can not agree together then it ys my wyll that my wyffe have the occupacion of three parts off my said tenement and howsyng.

Also it is my wyll that Robert Chamer, my son, shall duryng hys naturall lyffe have the occupacion of on[e] parcell of medo called Edmund mynster, paying yerely unto the sayd Richard, or his assignes, for a rent for the same medo xij^{d}, and my son Richard ys agreed to the same gyfte. Also I geve clerely to my sayd son Robert all those my howses and lands with appurtenances sett lying and beying within the towne off Dalton, and in the feylds of the same towne—John Preston, Esquyre, stewert of Furnes unto the kyngs heightnes, to be hed supervysor. And I gyve to my son Richard the best sylver belt, condecyally, that he shall gyve it after and at hys deth to Wylliam Chamer, his son, and to none ells, nor never to sett nor sell it from Wylliam. To my brother Robert Chamer a gray horse. My sister Margaret Hunter of Haycote—my daughters Annes and Margaret. Item there shall be delt to pore people by my executors xx^{s}. Item that myn executors shall deyll on best [shall deal or give one beast] on All Solȝ day to pore in lyke case, to praye for my sole. To mayster Preston, Esquyer, one gray colte of on[e] yere olde.

[Proved at Richmond, 1549.]

THE WILL OF RICHARD HAYDOCK. 1557.

IN Dei nomine, Amen. In the yeare of owre Lorde God a thowsande v. hundreth l. and sixe the last day of Februarye [1556–7], RYCHARD HAYDOCKE, syeke in bodye and hole in mynde and remembraunce, maike this my last will and testament in maner and forme foloynge. First I bequethe mye sowle to Almyghtie God, our blessed Ladye, and all the holye companye of heven, mye bodye I bequethe to christen buryeall. Item I bequeth to the ornaments of Broghton churche, to be prayed for, vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item I bequeth to Alis . . .[1] wiffe, my lease of the tithe corne and grayne of Warton with all mye right and interest in the . . .[2], and if it fortune the said Alis to dye before thende and terme, which I have in the saide tithe be expyred, then I will and bequeth that William Hadocke, my baster sonne, shall have all the saide tithe yerly in the same with mye saide lease and interest, durynge the yers which shalbe to expyre at the deathe of mye wiffe, and if it fortune the saide William to be within the age of discrecõn at the tyme of the . . .[3] of mye wiffe, then I will that mye cosyns Ewan Hadocke and William Clyfton shall have the r . . .[4] and governance of mye saide baster sonne and the saide tithe yerlye, unto my saide sonne come to perfytte age. And yf yt happen boithe the saide Alis mye wiffe and William Haydocke to die before thende of the saide lease of the saide tithe be expyred, then I will and bequethe that the saide Ewan Haydocke have the saide lease with my interest and title in and to the saide tithe of Warton, and if it fortune the said Ewan to die before the saide lease be expired then I will and bequeth that the saide yerlye tith corne of Warton shall remayne to my syster Ellyn Osboston durynge the saide lease.

[1] The will being damaged these words may be supplied — my; [2] same; [3] death; [4] rule.

Also I gyffe and bequeth to mye brother Henrye Haydocke mye cloke and xx^{s} in monye, to mye cosyn Helyn Rogerlye one white whye stirke,[1] also I geve to mye brother Edmunde Haydocke mye curtall nagge. I geve to Rycharde Rogerlye, mye godsonne, a redde whye stirke.[1] Item I geve to mye servante Jaymes Toppynge a whye stirke.[1] I geve and bequethe to Sir Rycharde Trotter xiij^{s} iiij^{d} in monye. Item I geve and bequethe to mye cosyn William Clyfton iiij sylver spones at the discrecõn of mye wiffe. Item I geve and bequeth to mye syster Helyn Osboston the best cowe at my howse. Item I geve to Elsabeth Arcwryght one whye stirke.[1] I gève and bequeth to Henrye Arcwryght one inlambe shepe. I geve to Ewan Haydocke a Sayncte Jhon's heide. Also I geve to Lawrence Arcwryght one inlambe shepe. Also I geve to Hughe Jhons a cloke clothe. Item I geve and bequeth to Alis my wiffe all other my gudds boithe moveable and unmoveable, besydes my funerall expences. Item I doe maike and constytute Alis, mye wiffe, mye trewe and lawfull executor of this mye last will and testament. Also I doe maike my trustie freends and cosyns George Rogerlye, William Clyfton, Ewan Haydocke, supervisors of this mye last will and testament. These beyng witnes — Hugh Jhons, Robert Wodds, Lawrenc Arcwright, Ewan Haydocke, with others more.

Hæc sunt debita quæ debeo. Imprimis to mye brother Edmunde xij^{li}. Item to William Alayne iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}, pledged for the same vij angels of golde, and halffe the tithe corne of the last yere growynge. Item to mye cosyn George Rogerlye vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Debita quæ michi debentur. Item Mr. George Kyrkbye for lent monye xj^{s}. Item Robart Mydgeall for lent monye x^{s}.

[Proved at Richmond, 1557.]

[1] That is, a young heifer.

THE WILL OF ALICE SINGLETON, WIDOW OF WILLIAM SINGLETON OF STAINING, CO. LANC. 1557.

JANUARY 31, 1556[-7], ALIS SINGLETON, wedowe, laite wiff of William Singleton, deceased. James Massye to have the governaunce of myne eldest sonne or sones and of my eldest daughter and the mariege of her upon this condiĉon, that the said doughter shall marry the eldest sonne of the said James Massye, and the governaunce of Richard Singleton my sone till he be xxi. Myne aunte Dame Elynoure Osbaldston and my cousing Cicele Molynexe to have the governaunce of John Singleton my sone. My cosyne Anne Longton to have the governaunce of Margete Syngleton my doughter. My cosyne Elsabeth Kyghley to have the governaunce of George Singleton my sonne till he be xxi. To Thomas Singleton my sone and haire a sylver salt seller percell gilte, my greatest brasse pott, half a dosyn sylver spones of the best sorte, a brewing leade, a long iron brandreth the best in the house, one greate chist for heirelomes, and James Massye and Henrye Osbaldston to have the custodie of the lease during his minoritie. To Laurence Singleton the best heffer at the house saving one that he will chuse. To Ane Sonkye my syster in lawe my best kyrtill. To my syster in lawe Jane my velvet cappe. To the churche vj^{s} viij^{d}. To Sir Henrye Norton and Sir Alexander Fountannie x^{s}. To Henry Osbaldston my best gelding. Item I will that Thomas my sonne and heyre shall have my husbands sworde. To Margett my doughter my frenche hoode. To my syster Johane my best gowne and kyrtell. To my cosyne Elyne Charnock my best chamlet kyrtill.

Item wheare my husband haith geven everie one of his servants iij^{s} iiij^{d} a pece I will that it be iiij^{s} a pece. Item I will that if god doo call for me ther be iiij gownes withe torches and

penny dole. Item I will that my fattest oxe at the house be slayne and dealed to the pore. I owe to James Massye for the buriall of my husband as apperith by his bill. Item I owe unto William Charneley by his bill of rakenyng but I knowe not whatt. I give to John Banester and George Singleton one whye of two yeres to deale betweene them. Item to Jenet Hall my servante a whye whiche shalbe encowff[1] at the taking away of her. Item to the wiff of Robert Whytesyd my best silke hatt and cappe and my best cloke. Item to Margerie Whiteside a whye whiche shall be encowffe[1] at the taking away of her. Item to the wyf of Robert Whitesyde a worsted kyrtell. Item I will that my mayden servants shall have all my yern among them equallie. To Margrete Plumpton my silke hatt and capp whiche I dyd weare on the worke dais. Executors, James Massye and Henry Osbaldston; Supervisors, my cosyn Edward Tilsley and George Rogerley; Witnesses, Thomas Hodgeson, Lawrence Archer, Thomas Salthous, William Eccleston, John Bray, Thomas Wilkynson, and others.

[Proved at Richmond, 20th September, 1557.]

THE WILL OF RICHARD NEWTON OF WHITTINGTON, CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1557.

AUGUST 12, 1554. I RICHARDE NEWTON of the parishe of Whittington, in the countye of Lancaster, gentleman. My bodye to be buryed in the parishe church of Whitington, in the south ile, nere unto Saynt Nicholas aullter. To Marmaduce my sonne my tenement in the parishe of Sedbarghe, called Castellhalle, in land of the annuall rent of xlvj^{s} viij^{d}, and also the tenement of Bryan Neuton in Whitington of the yearlye

[1] A young heifer which shall be in calf.

rent x^{s} ijd, for the terme of his naturall lyve. To my sonne Richard Newton[1] twoe tenements in Catton of the yearlye rent of xxvj^{s} viij^{d}, and a tenement in Toddguyll of the yearlye rent of viij^{s}, and a tenement in Dockare of the yearly rent of viij^{s}, a tenement in the holding of William Battie of Nether burrowe, of the parishe of Tunstall, and a tenement in the holding of Richard Willson and Roger Ullothornes of the annual rent of xij^{s}. To my sonne Thomas Neuton[1] viij oxenn with plughe and plowe geare and allso waynes and wayne geare, with whealls, and also vj syllver sponnes with a salt of syllver. Item to the said Thomas, for to be heirelomes at the house, iij great arckes in the moallt chamber, with a great arcke and a knoppe[2] in the barne, with the leyd, a great brasse potte, two long iron spits and an allmarye[3] in the butre, a great presser in the great chamber and a chist in the parlor. Item I geave and bequeath to Sir Richard Godshallf, preste, x^{s} to praye for me and myne. Item I geave and bequeth to Bryann Hudlestone a whie[4] above two yeares olld. Item I geave and bequeath to Milles Huddleston two sillver sponnes. Item I geave and bequethe to Mr. Frauncis Tunstall a dispar board cloith contayninge by estimacon v yards longe and two yeards broad. To William Neuton, my servant, xx^{s} or ells a new callvett cowe, over and besydes his wayges. To Elsabethe my wyff, and Marmaduce and Richarde Neuton my sonnes, the remaynder or leaue of my parte of goods, and to Thomas my sonne all my tenements and fermhollds. Mr. Frauncis Tunstall of Thurland, supervisor.

[Proved at Richmond, 25 November, 1557.]

INVENTORY made 23 November, 1557.—*In the Buttre*, one sallte of sillver xx^{s}. Item xiiij sillver spownes lvj^{s}. Item one

[1] Either this Richard or Thomas Newton was most probably the father of Thomas Newton, gent., who in 1604 published some verses "Atropoion Delion," and dedicated them to his uncle *Marmaduke* Newton.

[2] A "knop" was a large tub. [3] A cupboard or pantry. [4] See p. 125.

sillver pece xxxiij^{s}. Item one standinge cupe of sillver gilled xl^{s}. Item ij boxsses of casse trenshers viij^{d}. Item a mesklinge bassyn [*i.e.* a Mechlin basin] xij^{d}. Item one shavinge bassyn xij^{d}. *At Myllne*, one gavelucke [1] and v myllne picks iij^{s}. Item a boshell skellynge [2] iiij^{s}. Somma totias insentanie [*sic*] cxxxj^{li} xij^{s} iiij^{d} [£131 12*s.* 4*d.*].

THE WILL OF WILLIAM CLIFTON. 1563.

IN Dei nomine, Amen. 6 July, 1563, I WILLIAM CLYFTON, my bodie to Chrastian buriall. Item I bequethe to my mother one amblinge fyllye with a quyte [white] face and also in money xx^{s}. Item I bequethe to Thomas Clyfton, sone of Mr. Cuthbert Clyfton, one cow. Item to William Clyfton my nevew a cow. Item to Mr. Cuthbert Clyfton my best gelding. Item to every of my servantes, that taketh wages in money, one quarters wages. Item to all my sisters children, equally to be devided amonges them, xl^{s}. Item to every one of my servantes, that taketh meate and clothe, 3*s.* 4*d.* Item I geve and bequeth all the revercion of my goodds to Margery my wyff, and to Kateryn my doughter, equally to be devided betwene them. Item I constitute orden and make Margery my said wyff myn executrix of this my said wyll, to see that it be ordered according to the tenure of the same. Item I make supervisors of this my said wyll Mr. Cuthbert Clyfton, William Clyfton my cosyn, George Rogerlye my brother in law, and Arthur Houghton, my heirs. Item I bequethe to every one of these forsaides supervisors one angell of golde

Hæc sunt debita quæ mihi debentur. Imprimis, Arthur Hoghton for a fatt heffer xxx^{s}. Item John Butlar for a cowe and

[1] A "gavelock" is defined in the dictionaries as a kind of spear, but that definition does not seem very applicable here.

[2] I cannot find this word in any dictionary I have consulted.

calffe xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item William Bayne for an incalff heffer xxx^{s}. Item Thomas Bennett of Wraye for a mare xlij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item Thomas Curtesse for one yoke of bullockes iij^{li}. Item the same Thomas for one horse xl^{s}. Item the same Thomas for one styrke xij^{s}. Item George Kyrkam in lent mony xx^{s}. Item the same George for a parcell of his rent x^{s}. Item John Bretherton in lent mony xiiij^{s}. Item George Hornby for one mett of barly ij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item George Cowban for cattell vij^{li} x^{s}. Item Robert Sharpe for gresse iij^{s}. Item for a bull hyde vij^{s}. Item William Clyfton in lent mony xx^{s}. Item Thomas Braye pro consimili xx^{s}. Item my suster Rogerlye in lent monye xl^{s}. Henry Bylsborow xij^{s}.

Debita quæ ego debeo. To George Butlar xl^{s}. Item to Elysabeth Cowban xxvj^{s} viij^{d}. Item to George Kirkham iiij^{li}.

Witnesse hereof William Clyfton, James Smythe, vicar of Kirkham, and George Cowban. Item I geve and bequethe to George . . . my servant, over and besides y^{t} is bequethed to him heare above in this my wyll, my blue jackett, my straket canves doublet, my best hose, save one payre, my worse felt hatt.

[Proved at Richmond, 1563.]

THE WILL OF CHARLES LAYBORNE OF LANCASTER. 1565.

AUGUST 10, 1565. I CHARLES LAYBORNE, my bodie to be buried in the parishe churche of Lancaster. To my brother Colinson and his wiffe my fermehold in Bradeleyefelde, and to their children of their twoe bodies lawfullye begotten according to my fathers will. And in default of theim and their children the same to remayne to my brother Thomas Stricklande and to his wiffe and their children of theim towe lawfullie begotten. Allso I geve and bequeathe to Mr. Richard

Middelton myne hole title and tennant right of my fermehold in Barrowefielde, he payng threscore thirtie pounds, whereof tenn pounds tenn shillings and x^{d} to be payed to Myles Foxe; to my brother Thomas Robinson seaven pounds, to myne ostes[1] Curwen syx pounds, other syx pounds ix^{s} ij^{d} to be delivered to myne executors. Allso I geve and bequeathe to my said ostes[1] Curwen my lease of the fisshing with th'appurtenances and all therto belonging.

Also I geve and bequeathe to my said ostes[1] all the tennant right which I hade of John Harrison. Also I geve and bequeathe to my sister Collinson and my sister Strickland all soch houshold stuffe as I have at Bradleyfield, to be devided equallie betwen theim. Allso I geve and bequeathe to everye one that I am god-father unto xij^{d}. I geve and bequeathe to every serving man in my Ladies house xij^{d}, to everye hinde iiij^{d}, and to everye servante at Collinsons iiij^{d}, and to everie servant at William Curwens and John Louthians iiij^{d}. Allso I geve and bequeathe to everye one of my brethren and sisters doughters four shillings. Item I geve and bequeathe to everye one of my maistres Laborne children of Skelsemore ij^{s}, and to Mr. James my baye nagg, withe sadle and brydell, and to everye one of her (*sic*) servants iiij^{d}. Item I bequeathe to Alane Prickets xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item I bequeathe to William Prickets vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item I bequeathe to James Stricklande my sisters sonn vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item I bequeathe to Charles Stricklande xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item I bequeathe to Rouland Robinson vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item I geve to everye off myne executors vj^{s} viii^{d}, and to everye of my supervisors vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Also I geve and bequeathe to my said ostes Curwen all soche houshold stuffe as she hathe of myne, except four sylver spones, whiche I geve and bequeathe to my four sisters. Also I geve and bequeathe iij^{s} iiij^{d} to William Louthian. Allso I geve and bequeathe unto my sister doughter, Isabell Strickland, three pounds syx shillings eight pence, towards her mariage. Executors of this my testament and last will I ordeyne and make my

[1] That is, my hostess Curwen, the person with whom he probably lodged.

brother Thomas Sticklande, Thomas Robinson, and Roger Prikets, whome I do will and charge to bestowe after their discretion and at the discrecion of my supervisors, at the daye of my buriall, fourtie shillings. And further within the yeare next folowing the daye of my buriall to so manye and soche poore folks in anie place as thei shall thinke most requysite of charitie to distribute, other fourtie shillings. I do also desyre my most faithfull frends Mayster Richard Middeltoun, Richard Collinsonn and John Lowthian to be supervisors of this my testament and last will, and to see the same fulfilled. And in witnesse hereof to this my testament and last will I the said Charles Laborne have subscribed my name withe myne owne hand, the daye and yeare above wryten. These being called to be witnesses, William Curwen, John Lowthian, and Stephen Ellis.

These be depts y^{t} are due to me the said Charles Laborne, the daye and yeare within wryten. Firste of Mr. Fraunciscе Tunstall of Arcliffe xiij^{s} iiij^{d}, Southende wiffe vij^{s}, Leonarde Bawdwyne xx^{d}, Richard Olivers iij^{s} iiij^{d}, John Fisher ij^{s} iiij^{d}, Roger Pricket of Kendall v^{s}, Richard Myers x^{s}.

[Proved at Richmond, 1565.]

THE WILL OF ANNE SINGLETON OF BROUGHTON, CO. LANC., WIDOW. 1565.

IN the name of God, Amen. The xiij day of December, anno Domini 1565, I ANNE, the wyffe of WILLIAM SINGLETON, gentylman, do declare my wyll in maner and forme foloyng; y^{t} is to say, I bequethe my soulle unto Almyghty God, and my body to Chrysten buryall. Also, where my husbande hath ben pleased alwaies y^{t} I myght bequethe my apparell, my wyll is y^{t} my systers, now present, and my syster Gylyan, absent, shall have my apparell and my syster Elesabet the beste parte to be

devydyt at the dyscretyon off my husband who, I truste, wyll doo it and all other thyngs of myne I put my holl truste in hym to do for me, and in no hother, and thys is all y^t^ I wyll and I truste he wyll do yt. Record[er]s hereof, Edwarde Syngleton, James Cuerden, with dyvers mo others, &c., with Sir Roger Sharnocke, curet at Broghton.

Detts y^t^ ye sayd Anne dyd awe in hir wydohed and yet unpayd. To John Hynde x^li^. To William Hogekenson xxx^s^. To William Bancrofte of Preston xxx^s^. To Thomas Ambros iij^s^. To Thomas Potter x^s^. To William Hyde vj^s^ viii^d^. Detts awyng to the sayd Anne in hyr wydowheade by obligacons yet unpayd off Sir Thomas Langton, knyght, a[t] severell dayes to be payde as apereth by the same obligacons.

[Proved at Richmond, 1565.]

THE WILL OF SIR JOHN BYRON, KNT., OF ROCHDALE, CO. LANC., AND NEWSTEAD, CO. NOTTINGHAM. 1567.

Testamentum Johannis Byron, militis, parochiæ de Collwike, co. Nottingham.

IN nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Saincti, Amen. To all true Christien and faithfull people to whome this presente wrytinge shall come, I SIR JOHN BYRRON of Newsted in the countie of Nottingham, knyght, sendethe greatinge in our Lord God everlastinge. Know ye that I the said Sir John Byrran calling to my rememberance that all mortall creatures living in this world (the vaile of myserie and wretchednes) bene subjecte to deathe common and most certayne to all creatures, and that the tyme and maner therof is moste uncertayne and unknowne to

all and everye the said creatures (of which nomber I am one) and willing before th'execucion and stroke of deathe to sett all my worldlie matters in some honeste and quiet staye and order to th'intent that when yt shall please Almyghtie god to call me frome hence I maye then withe a quyet mynd prepare and make my self redie to that heavenlie journey. Therfore I the same Sir John Byrran, being now holle of mynd and perfite rememberance, thankes be to Almyghtie God, 17 August, 1558. Fyrste and before althinges I most humblie comend and bequithe my soull to Almyghtie God, the Blessid Maker and gracious Redemer of the same, praying and from the bottome of my harte devoutlie beseichinge his almyghtie goodnes to have mercye upon the same, and withe a penytent and an humble harte do crye out, call upon and saye, O Lord God have mercye upon me, have mercye upon me, after thie great mercye, and for thie most precious blood saike forgyve me all my offences and synnes whiche I have committed against the[e], whether yt be in thought word or deide all together forgyve me, ne regard not, ne loke upon, O Lord God, what my synnes have deserved, but rather what becomethe thye bottomeles and infinite mercye, nor enter into judgement withe me thie wretched servaunt, nor keipe in memorie myne iniquities, but mercyfullye turne thye face from my synnes, and putte awaye all myne offences, receyving me into thyne hollie proteccion and garde: and so shall I be sure and saif and come to thye heavenlie and joyefull kingdome, to the whiche thou haiste redemed and bought me withe thie precious blood, and for myne eyde and helpe in this my prayer and request I humblie and devoutlie praye and beseiche our Blessed Ladie Saincte Marie the Virgine and all the hollie and blessid companye of heaven to praye for me; and because faithe is foundacion of all salvacion whiche now of laite hath sore decaid, therfore I thinke yt good to open and declare my faithe that others owte of the right faithe maye (yf yt please god) returne by my confession into the same agayne. Fyrst I beleve in God the Father, God the Sonne, and God the Hollie Ghoste, thre

persons and one God, I beleve that our Saviour Jesu Christ, the seconde person in Trinitie, descended from heven and toke our humane nature and fleshe upon hym within the wombe of the Blessid Virgine Marie, and heare was borne of the same Blessid Virgine, and was conversaunte in this world, and at the last suffering most paynfull passion and deathe upon the crosse for our redemcion, descended into hell and rose agayne from deathe the third day for our Justificacion.

Item I beleve withe my harte and confesse withe my mouthe that in the blessid sacrament of the alter instituted and ordayned by Christe for our consolacion and comforthe after the wordes of consecracion, viz., Hoc est corpus meum spoken by the prieste at masse over the breade, that then furthwith the verie nature and substannce of bread by th'omnipotent and invisible power of God is altered, chaunged, turned, and transsubstanciate into the verie bodie of Christ, the forme of bread remanyng and yet no bread ther, nor none other substance ther, but onlie the substance of Christ, God and man, and that the receyte of the same moste Blessed and Hollie Sacrament by the ley people in the one kynd, viz., under the forme of breade according to the ordynnance of Christes hollie churche is sufficient without receyvinge the same in bothe kindes.

Item I beleve in all th'other blessid sacramentes of Christes churche, and that the masse is a pewre and cleane sacrifice pleasinge God, and a sacrifice propitiatorie for the quicke and dead. I beleve that I shall arryse from deathe at the generall resurreccion and in this same my fleshe shall see my Redemer and saviour Jesu Christ, at the whiche tyme I humblie beseiche hym to sett me on his right hand emongest the number of them that shalbe saved. And fynallie I fyrmelie and stedfastlie beleve in all and every th'articles abovesaid, and in all and everye other poynte and article of our faithe, as the hollie Catholique and knowen churche dothe beleave and command us the children and members of the same to beleve owte of the whiche churche ther is no salvacion. And I utterlie deteste and abhorre the

Manaches, Th'arrians, Th'annabaptists and the Sacramentaries, and all other heretiks withe there damnable sectes and opinions, prayng and beseiching Almyghtie God to revocate and call home agayne all them that have severid and devidid themeselves from the said Catholique churche by ther misbeleve that once agayne planted in the same they may through the meritts of Christes passion be maid inheritors of heaven.

Item I will that my bodie be buried in Collwicke churche wheresoever I shall happen to die. To the prisoners in the Common gaole at Nottingham xl^{s}, at York, Lincoln, and Lancaster, 20^{s} each. I will that an honeste preiste be hyred to synge or saye masse for my soull, &c., within the parishe churche of Collwike for 10 years, with 10^{li} for his yearlie stipend, but if the said stipend by any lawe or lawes heartofore maid and hereafter to be revived be maid to cease, it to go to the poore and nedie people, amendinge and reparinge of highe wayes and briggs or other charitable deides. To John Byron, my base sonne, all my manors, lands, leases, &c., whatsoever, he to be sole executor. My verye speciall and trustie cosyns and frendes Sir Jervase Clifton, Sir George Perpoynte, Sir John Atherton, knightes, Edmund Ashton of Chattertonne, and Edward Holland, Esquiers, to be his coadjutors — each to have 10^{li}. The right Honorable and my singuler good Lord, th'erle of Ruttland and my brother Sir Nicholas Strelley, knight, supervisors — he to have 20^{li}, and my brother 10^{li}, desiringe my said verie good lorde to vouchesaife to take paynes for me herin to accepte that small legacie given and bequithed unto hym in good parte althoughe yt be to[o] baise for his honor.

[Proved at York, 31 May, 1567.]

THE WILL OF HENRY COWPERTHWAYTE OF PRESTON RICHARD, IN THE PARISH OF HAVERSHAM. 1570.

FEBRUARY 17, 1569[-70], I HENRYE COWPERTHWAYTE of Preston Richarde, in the peryshe of Hevershem. To Mabell my wife the tenement I now dwell upon and also mye takes and tenement called the Deare parke for her life and after her death to Thomas my son. To my sone Thomas Cowperthwaite tene pounds in money, one sylver spone, and the tennand righte of one bowth in Bartylmew fayre in London of the annual rente of viij^{s}, which I boghte of Rollande Cowper wych bowthe the said Rollande hade and boghte of one Roger Bateman. To the amendinge of Depwath Brige xij^{d}, and ij^{s} more wyche was mye fathers bequeste. My daũrs Crystobell and Yssabell.

[Proved at Richmond, 1570.[1]]

THE WILL OF NICHOLAS CLIFTON, CLERK, RECTOR OF TATHAM, CO. LANC. 1573.

IN dei nomine, Amen, in the yere of our lord 1569, and on the xxijth day of Aprill, I NYCHOLAS CLYFTON, clarke, parson of Tatham, hole in mynde and remembraunce maks this my last will and testament in maner and forme folowinge, first I bequeth my soule onto the hands of almighty god the father, to inherite the kingdome of heaven throwe the myrete of Christ passion and . . . . es to be bueryd in Tatham church within the chancell.

[1] In the list of wills proved at Richmond, 1457 to 1680, printed by the Record Society, this is indexed as an *Inventory* only.

And also I will that every prest that comes to my buryall have xij^{d} and every scoler a penny, also I give to yong John Wallar xx^{s}, also to Thomas Waller one qwhy[1] of thre yeres old, also I give to old John Waller and his sucksessours my bedstocks and one covering of same bedd y^{t} is at Horneby to remayne at the house as an heyerlome. Also I geve to Sir Robert Fyrthbanke my servant liij^{s} iiii^{d}, also I geve to Elisabeth Skyrryth one yeres wages and all that is behind of her wages, also I geve to my servant Margat Croft xl^{s}. Also I wyll that every god child that I have to have viij^{d} a peace, also I geve to Sir Robert Elerton one busshell of malt, also I geve to Sir Rychard Hole my sarsnet tepet, also I order constetute and mak John Clyfton my brother sonne my hole executor of all my goods movable and unmovable, my bequests, detts, and funerall expences payed and done, and to bryng me honestly to my buriall by the discression of John Clyfton my brother and Sir Robert Fyrthbanke whome I desyer and praye to be supervisours of this my last will. In witnes whearof I the forsaid Nycholas Clyfton, clark, haith subscribed my name the day and yere above written by me Nycolas Clyfton and Robert Fyrthbanke, clarks, the xvth day of January, anno Regni Reginæ Elizabethæ, &c., decimo quinto [1572–3.]

The invitorie of all the goods and cattals of Nycholas Clyfton, clarke, late parson of Tatham, disseased, prysed by iiij sworne men, that is to saie, Francis Becket, Thomas Birket, James Skirrowe, and James Talbot.

Inprimis kyne ix the price ix^{li}. Item qwhies[1] v one bull sterike iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item meares thre and one colt v^{li}. Item shepe xxxvj, iij^{li} xij^{s}. Item swyne yonge and old vj, xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item fether beds iiij bolsters iiij coverlets vj lynnyng shets ij pare canvas shete xj with bedstocks, iij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item corne and hey x^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item one arke and one chest xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item one gyrdle, one brandreth, one frying pane, one cokle pane, and one pare of pot cuks, vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item wol and yarne

[1] That is, one "whye," or young heifer. (See p. 127.)

xlvj^{s} viij^{d}. Item fleshe and fyshe xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item meale and malt xl^{s}. Item towe ryngs iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item wysshyings[1] and chares iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item fyer vessell and all other vessell with wood vessell xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item v secks one wyndowe clothe v^{s}. Item his apperell xl^{s}. Item bords cowp tymber[2] wheles and whele tymber with cartte and cares xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item all kynd of pullen vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item one cowe hede one striack skyne and one fole skyne vij^{s}. Summa totalis xlvij^{li} x^{s} viij^{d} [£47 10*s.* 8*d.*]

[Proved at Richmond, 1572.]

THE WILL OF LAURENCE ANDERTON (?OF ASTBURY, CO. CHESTER). 1578.

MAIE 1, 1578. I LORANCE ANDERTONE, sicke in bodie—my bodie to be buried in the churche of Asburie. To Francis and Amye Anderton my brother Edwardes children 30^{li}. To Edwarde Anderton my brother my best coote. To Francys Anderton my brother my white russet coote and my beste hatte. To Thomas Anderton my brother Edwardes sonne one litle coffer. To Francys Anderton the younger the lounger coffer. To William Torner my wiefs sonne halfe of the husbandrie ware. To Thomas Torner my wiefes sonne vj^{s} viij^{d}. Maude my wief, Edward Lownes, and Francis Anderton my brother, executors. Edward Anderton my brother, and Roger Torner, overseers. Witnesses—Randle Rood, &c.

Inventory taken 9 May, 1578. Total £38 4*s.*

[Proved at York, 18 September, 1578.]

[1] Query, meant for cushions.

[2] That is, "cooper timber," fit for the use of coopers.

THE WILL OF RICHARD ANDERTON OF CROXTON, CO. CHESTER, YEOMAN. 1578.

. . . , 157 . . I RICHARD ANDERTON of Croxton, co. Chester, yeoman. Elen my wyf to have one parte of my goods. John Anderton my son, and Isabell Anderton my daughter, the other two. Thomas Maynwaryng my brother in lawe, and Richard Anderton, gentleman, overseers. My sonne William and Ellen my wyef, overseers.

[Proved at York, 19 September, 1578.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS VENABLES OF ANTROBUS,[1] CO. CHESTER, GENT. 1578.

APRIL 20, 1578. I THOMAS VENABLES of Antrobus, in the county of Chester, gentleman, to be buryed within the chauncell of the paryshe churche of Great Budwoorthe, unto the which church woorke I doe geve x^{s}. All my customary landes, &c., to Robert Venables my sonne and to his issue male. To my dowghter Emma Venables 100^{li}. All my tackes and termes of yeares in the woodd and in the teatt (?) corner of Antrobus to Robert my sonne, reserveinge to Peter my sunne an anuity of 20^{s}, and the said 100^{li} to my daughter. To Rauffe Mainwayringe and Margaret his wyffe fowre kyne towardes ther howse kepeinge. To Thomas Lawton, alias Gerrard, 5^{li}. To my daughters Emme Venables and Margaret Mainwayring eyther of them a fether bedd furnished. The residue to Robert my sonne.

[1] He was buried at Great Budworth on August 11th, 1578.

Inventory made 13 August, 1578. One sylver salte and xij sylver spownes 3s 8d. Total 250li 6s.

[Proved at York, 1578.]

THE WILL OF RICHARD SHERBOURNE OF BAILEY, CO. LANC., GENT. 1582.

DECEMBER 25, 24 Elizabeth [1581]. I RICHARDE SHERBURN of Bayley, co. Lancaster, gent.,—children Robert, Mary, and Anne Sherburn, Margaret Richardson, Bartholomew, John, Van [*sic*], Thomas, and Hugh Sherburn. My capital messuage called Bailley Hall, — eldest son Bartholomew and youngest Robert Sherburn, — wife Anne and son Hugh executors. My Mr Sir Richard Sherburn, knight, supervisor. George Talbott son and heir apparent of my wife.

[Proved at York, 8 February, 1581-2.]

THE WILL OF FRANCIS SANDYS OF THE PARISH OF HAWKSHEAD, CO. LANC. 1586.

JUNE 28, 1583. I FRAUNCIS SAUNDES of the parish of Haxshead, to be buried in the greate chauncell of Haxshead wheare my awncyters doth laye. My lands of Cowmeshead with my fysshynge of Cracke to remeyne according to my fathers will. To Jane my wife my tenement of Estewhat (and my leas of Estewater) and after her death to my cosen Davide Saunds my leas of Estewater to William Saunds my cosen Adam son (my cosen David Saunds and (this) William Saunds his nephew), and he to pay to my nephye and godson Christopher Phyllopson

100ll. My leas of the three myllnes in lawe Fournes to my wife and also my leas of Colte Parke. After her death Colte Parke to my nephye Thomas Phyllopson and the other to my two sisters and their children. To my brother Allan Sandforthe my leas of Brolter . . . elt in Cumberland. To my brother in law Myles Phyllopson my part of the leas of Haxsheade churche and he to pay out of it to my brother in lawe Roberte Bryggs 20li. To my brothers in lawe Myles Doddynge and Myles Phyllopson my term(?) and one leas whiche was late in the teynor of one Arthur Tempeste, paying to Mabell Blenkensoppe 60li. To William Braythewhat my servande my dun nagge. To Thomas Bellingham my brother 10li. To my uncle James Stryckelande my baye colte of thre yeares olde. To my mother fyve marcks — my syster Mary Wyttinson. Supervisors—John Dalston my brother in lawe, Rychard Barromes my brother in lawe, Thomas Stryckelande my uncle, and Myles Phyllopson my brother in lawe. To my cossen Wylliam Knype one kolte of two yeares olde.

Depositions were taken about the validity of this will, and amongst the witnesses were Miles Philipson of Crucke, gent., æt. 44; William Knype of Rampeshead, gent., æt. 33.

[Proved at York, 3 May, 1586.]

THE WILL OF NICOLAS BARDSEY OF BARDSEY, CO. LANC., ESQUIRE. 1586.

JUNE 30, 20 Elizabeth, 1586. I NICOLAS BARDSEY of Bardsey, in the countie of Lancaster, Esquire. To be buryed in my parishe churche of Urswicke, nighe to the place where the bodye of Anne Bardsey my wief was laid. Also I will that my sonne in layes James Anderton and Lancelotte Salkeld, whiche tow I make my executors of this my last will and testament, do, after my debts paid, take and have for their wyffes and

themselves either of them a full childs porcon of my goods accordinge as I have by indenture covenaunted unto them; that done, I will and bequethe all the resydue of my goods and cattles as well reals as personals amongest all my doughters children. I will that my sonne Anderton do take £6 13*s.* 4*d.* of the severall porcons geven by me to Thomas Anderton my doughters child and put the same to such use as he therby answere thirtene shillings foure pence to my kinsman Richard Bardsey towards his releaffe and mantynance yearly duringe his naturall lief. And I will that my sonne Salkelde do take thirteene pounds six shillings eight pence of the severall porcons of too of the yongest of his eight children geven by me, that ys to say of the severall porcons of Lancelotte Salkeld and William Salkeld my doughters children and put the same to suche use as he therby answere xxvj^{s} viij^{d} yearly to my kinsman Richard Bardsay towards his releaffe and mantynance duringe his naturall lyffe.

[Proved at Richmond, 1586.]

THE WILL OF GABRIEL CROFT OF CLAUGHTON, CO. LANC., ESQUIRE. 1587.

APRIL 29, 1587. I GABRYELL CROFT of Claughton, in ye countye of Lancaster, esquyer. To my brother William and his issue male all my lands, &c., in Snagholme which I hould by lease from her Majesty in the countye of Yorke, and also ten oxen ten kyne sex thrinters sex twynters the one half stote the other half whies,[1] sex sterks of lyke sorte, also the one halffe of my houses wayers with the half of all my shepp in all places savinge Cap . . . . ,[2] and the one half of my swyne and poultrye the one half of my corne and heye in my barnes and in the fields, also three fether beds with ther boulsters, one

[1] Whies were young heifers. [2] Capmanwray.

imbroderyed with haire, three pyllows and two coolored Ireshe . . . owes, one of the beste and another of the worste, half my bedsteeds the one half of . . . pewter kytchinge stuffe and husbandrye geare, and forther I geeve and bequeathe unto hyme one silver salt gilt with a cover . . . . . two. Tu . . . and sylver parcell gilt one dosenn of sylver spones one nest of sylver bowles marked with the dragons heade with a cover, to him and his issue male, and I he die without any his wife to deliver within 20 days after his death to my brother Edward or his heirs male. The stuffe and plaite are these, one bassen and ure of sylver parcell gilt, one suet of hangings of Arrois of tapestrye of ye storye of Athalyar. Item I leave unto him my best gown, and he to have the proffetts of ye one half of the demaynes and grownds at Capmanwraye during my lease, and he to be bound to keep Margaret my cosyn Blackbornes his wyff and Jane her dowghter with meate drynke and clothe duringe the years of my interest, and the same to pay unto them an annuity of *6li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and give her three good kyne, one worke horse or maire, and two stotts of three or fower years old. To my brother in law Robert Mydghall, gent., threescore pownds parcell of a dept of fourscore pownds which he owithe me at this present, and he and his wife to have the use of the other 20li during their lifes but to enter into a bond to have it paid at their death to my brother Edward. To Gabriell . . . es my sisters son the next advowson of ye parsonaidg of Heasham and a pencõn of 40*s.* by year till the said advowson fall to be paid to him by my brother William out of my lands in Pulton. To Robert Baynes my sisters son 10li. To Wylliam Foxecroft my cosen one colt of 3 years old or above. To Bryan Baynes my servant a lease for 60 years, after the death of my brother William and my brother Edward, of the howse, &c., in Gressingham which I lately purchased of the Bushopp of Peterborrowe, to him and his heirs and then to his brother Robert Baynes and his heirs, and in the mean time I give him the lease of Twisletons howse and the land I purchased of Thomas Curwen, Esquyer. To Edward

Goodwyne of Northampton my late servant 10li. To my cosyn William Parker of Gressingham such depts as he oweth me. To my . . . . of London half my household stuffe that remains in his custody at London and to his son Christopher 20*s*. To Mr. Urmston in token of my good will 4 marks. To the poore of Claughton 20*s*. To the poore of . . .aton 20*s*. To the poore of Horneby 20*s*. To the poore of Failton . . . To the poore of . . . My brother Edward to have the profits of the mill at Capmanwrare and the one half of the lands houses and demayne there and he to give my cosyn Margaret Blackborne for the use of her children 3 mylk kyne three whies, &c., and to find Thomas Blackborne her son with meate drinke and clothe, and to pay unto old Mrs. Blackborn the yearley pention of 6li 6*s*. 8*d*. for her life. To Jane, my brother Wylliam his wyfe, one gowne of read velvett that was my wyffes and one kirtle of black velvett culler(?). The rest to my brother Edward whom I make my sole executor, and I make my cosyn Mr. John Brogreve, Esquyer, and Mr. Thomas Preaston, Esquyre, supervisors.

[Very bad to read and much left out for that reason, the ink has all gone.]

[Proved at Richmond, 1587.]

THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER PROCTOR, VICAR OF CLAPHAM. 1587.

MAYE 17, 1587. I CHRISTOPHOURE PROCTOURE, vicar of Clapham. To be buried in ye church within ye chauncell on ye northe syde. Imprimis, I geve unto ye churche xxs. Item I geve to the poore in Austwicke quartere xs. Item I geve to the poore in Clapham quarter xs. Item I geve to the power in Lawkeland quarter vjs viijd. Item I geve to the poore in Newebye quarter vjs viijd. Item I geve to ye parishe clerke

iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item I geve to William Lawson iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item I geve to everye poore scholar at my buriall to everye one 1*d.*, and thos y^{t} can singe prickesonge to everye one ij^{d}. Item I geve to everye child withing ye parishe y^{t} I am god father unto to everye one vj^{d}. Item Mr. William Clapham owes me v^{s} ix^{d}. Item I geve to William Wildeman my nephie xx^{s}. Item I make executors of this my last will and testament Mr. Thomas Canffeld, esquire, my mayster, John Proctor of Bowdleye, gent., Robert Parkes of Broxholme, gent., Henrye Wilson of Kirbye Lonsdial, merchaunte, Thomas Proctor of Newebye, and John Proctour of Cronkewa(?). Witnesses, Robert Fishe, parson of Benthom, George . . . , curat ibidem.

[Proved at Richmond, 15 July, 1587.]

THE WILL OF RICHARD PRESTON OF STANK, IN THE PARISH OF DALTON-IN-FURNESS, CO. LANC.[1] 1587.

"IN dei nõie amẽ, año salutꝭ 1587, and the xxvth day of October. I RICHARD PRESTON of Stanke, seycke in my body but wholl in mynd and memory, praysed be God, maketh this my last will and testamẽt in maner and forme folowing. First I comyt my soule unto the m^{r}cyfull hands of allmighty God my creator and Redeemer, and through the bloudsheddyng of his Son Jesu Chryst my soule to be saved and my body to be buried in my ꝑishe church yard of the said Dalton, and all dewtyes to be payd unto the same church. Secondly I will that Thomas my son have this my tenẽt accordyng to a covenant in wrytting mad at his mariag and not otherwyse. Itm. I do geve

[1] This will has been copied in full.

hym my Jack[1] byll[1] and sallet[1] and I will that he have the great arke payeng unto my execut for yt xij^{s}, and yf he wil not it to remayne unto my said execut. Itm. I geve unto Agnes my wife my bay horse trustyng she will be good unto my daughter that is unmaried. Itm. I geve unto hyr my bed w^{t} all the furnytur therto belongyng. Itm. I geve unto William Boweth a gymber.[2] Itm. I geve unto James my son a gymber.[2] Itm. I will that my said son James shall be mayntayned at the scole upon the charge off thē that shall occupy this my tenēt unto he cōe unto lawfull years of age according to the custome. Itm. I will that Alice my daughter have hyr portion of my goode as hyr bethrē and systers have accordyng to my promyse at hyr mariage. Itm. I take yt upon me as I will answere that my broth^{r} James and I was agreed for his agrement of my fath^{rs} tenēt and payd hym in plowyng of syx and twentye yockynge of land over and besyde my sister Elizabeth hyr childe portion wch was dew unto me the wch was vj^{li} or above. Itm. I take yt upon me that I pay hyme x^{s} for one par of wheeles wch they clayme for and iiij^{s} iiij^{d} for his portion of one heavy cloth.

"Itm. I make Isabell my daughter my sole executrix of all my goods moveable and unmoveable, my debte legacyes and funerall expence fully dyscharged and payd. Sup^{r}visors herof I do appoynt John Long, William Long, George Gardner, John Wels, and Thomas Wyld, desyring them for God sake to see this my will fulfylled as my trust is in them. Record herof John Long, William Long, George Gardner, and Richard Gardner, vicar."

[Proved at Richmond, 1587.][3]

[1] A "jack" was the armour for the upper part of the body, a "byll" was a sort of halberd or pike, and a "sallet" was a head-piece, or covering for the head.

[2] "Gymber" or gimmer is a young sheep, generally under two years of age.

[3] This will is not in the Index of the Richmond Wills, 1457 to 1680, printed by the Record Society.

THE WILL OF GILES AILEPH,[1] CLERK, VICAR OF HEVERSHAM, CO. WESTMORELAND. 1588.

MAY 5, 1588. GILES AILEPHE, vicar of the parishe church of Heversham. To be buried in the cancell of my said parishe churche of Heversham. Item I gyve and bequeath unto Jane my wif and to the ysshewe of her bodye begotton or lawfully to be begotten all that my land, messuage or tenement, sett lyeinge and beinge in Killington in the countye of Westmerland which I bought of Thomas Foxcroft. And further it is my will yf Jane my wif shall dye without ysshew of her body lawfullye begotten, then I gyve and bequeath all my said land messuage or tenement to the parishe of Heversham for ever towards the maintinenance of a free scole to be kept within the same. Item I gyve unto the said Jane all [those] morgaiges, tackes leases, and grantts of ground which I have within the parishe of Heversham [or] anye other place els where. Item I gyve to the parishe churche of Heversham xl^{s} tow[ards the] reparation therof. Item I gyve unto the poore people of the same parishe on this sid. . . . osse other xl^{s} to be distributed amonge them in lent next comynge at the discretion of my supervisours. Item I gyve and bequeath unto the said Jane my wif all that my land sett ly[ing] and beinge in Kent of the anuall rent of xviij^{s} iiij^{d}, to have and to hold the said land to the said Jane hir heires and assignes for ever.

[Proved at Richmond, 1588.][2]

[1] Probably a member of a Kentish family, where the name, generally spelt Aleph or Alefe, is known.

[2] This will is not in the Index of Richmond wills printed by the Record Society.

THE INVENTORY OF THE GOODS OF CHRISTOPHER BATESON OF CATON, CO. LANC., YEOMAN.[1] 1588.

FEBRUARY 19, 1587[-8]. INVENTORY OF THE GOODS OF CHRISTOPHER BATESON of Caton, yeoman. Item goulde and money in his purse xxiiij^{s} vj^{d}. Item ij saddles ij brydles one sword a dagger one hinger,[2] brest gards and garthes for saddles one pair of spures and ij capcaces,[3] xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item viij yards of cloth, whyt and blacke, one carpinge[4] cloth ij brushes (black). Item his bowes and arrowes, x^{s}. Item iij barked hydes, xx^{s}. Item cupes dishes bassens wooddowblers, vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item forks land yrons tethers and ropes, vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item hempe flax yarne tawe, xxxv^{s} viij^{d}. Item ij spynninge wheles one pair of weights ij heckles scuttles ij boiells ij pannells yarne windles iij pair, v^{s} iiij^{d}. Item vij axes j tixle[5] iij iron wedges viij wimbles,[6] ix^{s}. Item iij oxe bowe wimbles[6] ij naile parcells, xij^{d}. Item v chisles iij fyles one locor[7] j speakshave[8] iiij hammers one pair of pinsers one butler,[9] iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item iiij horse locks and iiij hinge locks knyves sheires and other implements, v^{s}. Item viij sickles and ij hand sawes, ij^{s} viij^{d}. Item ij turfe spades iij fleinge spades one garth spade ij hacks j gavelock, vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item one sucke[10] and one cultur iiij teames one pair of plughe lengthes

[1] There are many very curious words in this inventory, which I cannot explain. The spelling is very curious.

[2] "Hinger" (? hanger) probably a kind of short sword.

[3] A "capcase" was a small travelling case or bandbox.

[4] Probably carpet cloth.

[5] "Tixhill" is given by Halliwell as meaning a needle.

[6] A "wimble" was an augur.

[7] "Loker" is given by Halliwell as a Lincolnshire word meaning a carpenter's plane.

[8] That is, a "spokeshave," or narrow plane used by carpenters.

[9] Query bittle or bittler, a wooden hammer for beating clothes.

[10] "Suck" is a Lancashire and Cheshire word for a ploughshare. The old word in general use was "sock."

horse lengthe one tave croke v yokes and bowes iij syse,[1] xvj^{s} viij^{d}. Item fleshe and tallowe, xxviij^{s}. Item one almerye[2] one meale arke one great arcke in the barne iiij tables one saltinge tub ij stande beds with frenge one dishe borde ij paire of plainge tables iiij formes, v^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item iij cans iij pickens[3] iij noggens iiij bottells iij gallons and one skyle iij pecks and one halfe pecke one cherne ij whynnocks ij troughes, ix^{s}. Item xv stands and iiij ale potts, xj^{s}. Item ij barrells ij pypes iiij knopes[4] ij kneadinge tubes iij cheises ij verges barrells one stone trough j saltinge tube with their coverings, xxviij^{s}. Item vij syves one lanterne one boxe iij bakinge bords one shett of plait, iiij^{s}. Item vj chaires v buffyn stoles ij other stoles a barrell with a stryke[5] of salt, x^{s}. Item sacks windinge clothes pocks hempe seed and lyne seed, xxiij^{s}. Item plughes and harrowes carts and cares[6] waine and waine geare carte wheles laders with all other timber about the house except ij pair of crocks[7] ij ribbets which was gevn to John Guy, and turves, iiij^{li}. Item swyne and pullen, x^{s}. Item vij pair of bedstoks ij arcks and iiij chists, xxxvj^{s}. Item one pece of whitt fyshe,[8] vj^{d}. Item ij rings and one harte,[9] iij^{s}. Item one dunghill, x^{s}.

[Exhibited at Richmond, 1588.][10]

[1] Scythes.

[2] An "almery" was a cupboard.

[3] That is, "piggins," small wooden vessels.

[4] A "knop" was a large tub.

[5] A "strike" was a bushel.

[6] "Careware" is given by Halliwell in his *Archaic Dictionary* as a North-county word meaning a cart. I think a kind of low sledge is meant here.

[7] "Crocks" were crooked timbers bent to form an arch, used in many old cottages, houses, &c., in Lancashire and Cheshire.

[8] Dried white fish.

[9] A silver or gold heart.

[10] This Inventory is not indexed in the Record Society's volume, although the administration to Christopher Bateson's effects, 1587, is there entered.

THE INVENTORY OF THE GOODS OF CHRISTOPHER SANDYS, LATE OF GRAYTHWAITE, CO. LANC. 1588.[1]

THE INVENTORIE of the goods of Maister CHRISTOPHER SANDES, late of Graythwaite, prysed the xvijth of Aprill by Rowland Nicholsonn, Barnarde Bensonne, Roger Sandes, and William Rawelinsonn, Anno Domini 1588.

Imprimis, viij fether bedds ix boulsters and ix pillowes, xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item 24 coverclothes better and worse, v^{li} viij^{s}. Item xxj blanketts, xl^{s}. Item xxiiij payre of sheetes, iiij^{li} xv^{s} iiij^{d}. Item iiij bed coveringes and a quilt, vj^{li}. Item table clothes and 4 cupbord coveringes, v^{li}. Item ix coveringes for pillowes, xxvj^{s} viij^{d}. Item 7 table clothes and two cupborde clothes of linninge, iiij^{li}. Item xij table napkins and iiij towells, xx^{s}. Item iij longe quishions for windowes and 4 imbrodred quishions, xl^{s}. Item xxiiij quishions, xlviij^{s}. Item v mattresses and v course boulesters, xx^{s}. Item linninge yarne ix hankes, x^{s}. Item 4 payre of drawinges for beds and v teastrons, 3^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item 31 chargers and platters and xlij pece of smaler pewther, lij^{s}. Item xj brasse pottes 2 morters and 3 chaffinge dishes, iiij^{li}. Item xx pece of caldrens and pans with a chaffinge dishe, iiij^{li} xviij^{s}. Item xxix horses mares and coltes, xxxvij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item twoe horses in the stable, the one a graye the other a baye one, v^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item v score and v coupples v score and ix geld shepe, hoges[2] fourescore & foureteen, lj^{li} x^{s} iiij^{d}. Item bellowes and other work toles at ye fors,[3] xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item a boote, nets and and lines, xxij^{s}. Item a nest of goblettes with a cover xvj spones ij salts and a pott, xxj^{li} x^{s}. Item certayne bookes, liij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item a sword a favchinge[4] and iij daggers, xvj^{s}. Item

[1] I find that this is a portion of the inventory only, about one half having been omitted.

[2] Hogs were sheep one year old. [3] That is, other work tools at the forge.

[4] A falchion.

ij trunckes and his apparell, xxxj^{li} iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item in poulltree, xxv^{s}. Item in morgaiges, lxvij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item six oxen, xv^{li}. Item x kine and a bull, xvij^{li}. Item 3 stotes[1] a quie[2] and a bull, vj^{li}. Item xx coupples xliij geld shepe xvj hogges at Ruslande, xiij^{li} iiij^{s} viij^{d}. Item ij kine, xlvj^{s} viij^{d}. Item one quie[2] and x other yonge strickes, wherof foure of them are calves, v^{li} xij^{s} viij^{d}. Item v mares and one nagge, x^{li}. Item a stillitory, v^{s}. Item a peice of a bull hyde, v^{s}.

[Exhibited at Richmond, 1589.][3]

THE WILL OF THOMAS CURWEN OF GRESYARD IN CATON, CO. LANC., ESQUIRE. 1589.[4]

"IN the name of god, amen, 16 Aprill, 1586. I THOMAS CURWEN of Girsgarth, in the countie of Lancaster, Esquire, seeke in bodye but of whole and parfit memorie laude and prayse be to Almightie God, perceyvinge the mutabilitie of this transitorious worlde and that death is certayne to everie livinge creature and the tyme therof most uncertayne and not minded to dye intestate, wherefore I doe make and ordayne this my late will and testament in manner and forme followinge, firste I give and commende my sowle into thands of Ailmightie God my maker and Redymer, trustinge by his blessed death and passion to have full pardon and remission of all my sinnes and to be partaker of his hevenly kingdome emongest his aungells and elected in glorie everlastinge, and I desire my bodie may be buried in the churche at Caton in the qweyre were I was wonnte to sytt neare unto the place where my father was buryed as conveniently may be, and that the same churche have all its rights and dewties for my funerall.

[1] A stot is a young ox. [2] That is, a young heifer.

[3] This Inventory is not indexed in the Record Society's volume, but the will of "Christopher Sand" is duly entered there. [4] This will is copied in full.

"Item I give and bequeth to Nicholes my sonne viij oxen and all my plowes and plowe geare waynes and wayne geare carte carre with all my husbandrie geare whatsoever. Item I give unto my saide sonne all my greate arks and all my tables or meate bords with all my formes stooles and chayres and all my bedstocks or bedsteads with one fedder bed and all that belongs it. Item I geve unto my nephie Thomas Curwen tenne pownds. Item I geve and bequeth unto everie one of the rest of his fathers children a cowe. Item I give unto Frauncis Morlay tenne pownds. Item I geve and bequethe unto Anne Morlay and Clarie Morlay, either of theime, tenne pownds. Item I give unto my doughter Elizabeth their mother fyve marks, and to hir two children to William Morlay fourtie shillings. Item I give to everie one of Thomas Morlay his children tenne shillings. Item I geve and bequeth unto Mawde Dickesonne ten pownds. Item to John Dickesonne a cowe. Item to everie one of the rest of my men servants two shillings sexe pence, and to everie one of my women servants as muche.

"And all the rest of all my goods and chattells moveable and unmoveable before in these presents not given and bequethed my debts and funeralls dischargd I geve and bequith unto Nicholes Curwen my brother son, the whome I make my executor, and I desire my verie good cosins Thomas Preston and Christofer Carus, Esquiers, to be supervisors of this my laste will and testament, to see the same accomplished and fulfilled accordinge to the true intent and meaninge therof as my speciall truste is in theime. Witnesses herof, Edward Wygtlockes, George Heathouse, Robarte Gybsone, John Taylor, with others. Item Thomas Dickeson whoe I am god father unto I give a qwye [1] of ij or iij yeares olde."

[Proved at Richmond, 30 May, 1589.]

[Inventory exhibited 21 May, 1589. Total £194 9*s.* 2*d.*]

[1] A young heifer.

THE WILL OF ROBERT NICHOLSON, OF MIDDLETON, SCHOOLMASTER. 1589.[1]

"IN die nomine Amen, the xijth daye of Aprell, Anno Domini 1589. I ROBERT NICHOLSON though seeke in bodie yeate of good and perfecte memery, geving god thankes theareof, do make this my laste will and testament in manor and forme folowing, firste I doe geve and bequeathe my soule into the handes of Almightie God my onlye Savioure and Redemer, ande my bodie to be buryed wheare yt shall seme goode unto my frendes. Also I geve and bequeathe unto John Middleton, gentilman, my scholler, iiij^{li} of lawfull currannt money and one letle goulde ringe. Also I geve unto Thomas Meddleton my scholler iij^{li} and one pare of seelke garters. Also I geve unto Richarde Meddleton my scholler iij^{li}. Also I geve unto George Middleton my scholler iij^{li}. Also I geve unto Edward Cowper my scholler xx^{s} and one of my beste bandes. Also I geve unto John Haryson my scholler x^{s}, my worste fryse cote one pare of hose of the worser sorte and one dublet sutable to the same. Also I geve unto John Meddleton foresayde, all my bookes in generall, and wheare theare ys certayne books pawned to me by Ser Berkete my will is yf he doe paye unto the foresayde John Meddleton the hole some of xvj^{s} of currante moneye of Englounde, the saide Ser Berket to have the books agayne. Also I geve unto the said John Meddleton my beste handkertcheff. Also I geve unto Thomas Meddleton my best handkertcheff nexte. Also I geve unto Richarde Meddleton my best next, and to George Meddleton the worste hankertchef. Also I geve unto Richard Sothwoorthe one other handkertcheff. Also I geve unto Thomas Crofte, senior, my hatt fased with velvet. Also I geve unto Henrye Crofte my hoste my dubble sypres bande. Also I geve unto Symonde Crofte my woorste pare of hose save one pare. Also I geve unto my hostes one pare of

[1] This will is copied in full.

my best stockens. Also I geve unto the wyff of Bryan Beanes one camerycke[1] bande of the best. Also I geve unto Bryan Beanes her husband one hollande bande of the beste. Item I geve unto Thomas Crofte, junior, one other hollande bande of the seconde sorte, also I geve unto James Crofte one other of the best nexte, also I geve unto Gabryell Crofte one of the worste of my sheitts. Also I geve unto the nurse the woorste nexte. Also I geve unto everye one of the maydes one pare of stockens. Also I geve unto Gabryell Crofte, senior, one pare of spurres. Also I geve unto Barnerde Pooley my scholler one pare of butts.[2] Also I geve unto Olyver Chatburne one selver renge. Also I geve unto William Thomson one pare of camerycke ruffes. Also I geve unto Thomas Blackburne one pare of buthose.[3] Also I geve unto Mr. Andrewe Helton one pare of saten bretches. Also I geve unto my cosen Christopher Dickonson my beste blacke cloke. Also I do geve unto my brother John one satten dublett and one groggren gowne fased with lambe. Also I geve unto my saide brother John (yf he be leving) xxij^{li} which was due unto my brother and me in my countreye and theareabouts. Also I geve unto my kensffolkes of nighest kenred to me, and making Thomas Dawson equall withe the beste, xvj head of cattall yonge and holde equallye to be devyded amoungste them. Also I geve unto George Emerson of the Eastegate one younge mare, the which he hadd to grasse.

"Also I geve unto the pore of the parishe wheare I was borne xij shepe, the which I dide leave at Austen more in the keping of Mathewe Archer, equallye to be devyded amoungste them.

"Also I geve unto the Righte Worshipfull Edwarde Meddleton, Esquier, v^{li} of lawfull curraunt money of Englounde. Also I geve unto Richard Poeleye one of my beste night cartcheffs. Also I geve unto the Baylyff one other night cartcheff. Item

[1] Cambrick. [2] That is, one pair of "boots."
[3] That is, "boot-hose," or stockings.

I geve unto Margrette Pearson one other night kartcheff. Also I doe geve unto John Skellicorne one cloke. Also I geve unto his wyff one pare of shoise and one pare of newe gloves. Also I geve unto Marye Pedder one other pare of shoes. Also I geve unto Blacke William my sourde ande daggar. Also I geve unto Christopher Haryson my worste hatte. Also I geve unto his sonne John Haryson my cloth buthose. Also I geve unto Edwarde Haryson my blacke fryse cote. Item I geve my cloth gowne unto whom yt shall seeme good for the Right Worshipfull Edwarde Meddleton to bestowe yt of. Also I geve my black dublett the which is cutt unto my cosen Nicholas Walton. Also I geve unto Gabryell Thomson one pare of handruffes. Also I geve unto Thomas Meddleton one knyff parcell gilted and one velvet gerdle. Also I geve unto all my schollers those wages which was due unto me.

"Also I doe constitute and make Edwarde Meddleton, Esquier, my executor of this my laste will and testamente according to the trewe meaninge heareof. Also I do make Thomas Dawson and Christopher Decconson supervysors hearof to see yt performed in the countrey wheare I was borne. Wetnesses hearof John Meddleton, Thomas Meddleton, John Skillicorne, John Haryson, and others."

"*Hæc sunt debita quæ mihi debentur.* Imprimis Edward Midleton, Esquire, xx^{li}. Item Thomas Dawson xxj^{li}, the which he standeth bound to paye me according to certayn nottes made between him and me, willing him also to make a trewe accompt committed unto his custodie of all the cattall and shepe. Item Marmaduck Blackburn, gent., xv^{s}.

"*Hæc sunt debita quæ ego debeo.* Imprimis to my aunte Jeane Johnson in Cambredge, x^{s}. Item to Richard Polley iiij^{d}."

[Proved at York, 24 April, 1589.]

"An Inventorye taken the xiijth daye of Aprell, anno 1589, of

the goods and cattalls belonging unto Robert Nicholson late of Medelton, deceased, as folowith :

"*In apparell.* Imprimis one blacke fryse cote and hold gerken, ij^{s} vj^{d}. Item one satten dublett, iiij^{s} vj^{d}. Item tooe dubbletts of cloth, vj^{s}. Item thre shertts, iiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item handruffs iij pare, viij^{d}. Item one pare of saten bretches, vj^{s}. Item one pare of grogrene bretches, iij^{s}. Item ij pare of clothe bretches, iiij^{s}. Item iiij pare of netherstocks, ij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item ij pare of shoes, xvj^{d}. Item ij feltt hatts, vj^{s}. Item one hold grogrene gowne, vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item one cloth gowne, vij^{s}. Item v shertt bands, v^{s}. Item certayne bookes, iij^{li}. Item iiij handkertcheffes, ij^{s} vj^{d}. Item iij night kertcheffs, viij^{d}. Item one pare of spurrs, vj^{d}. Item one pare of butes, ij^{s}. Item one selver renge, x^{d}. Item ij pare of but hose xviij^{d}. Item ij clokes, ix^{s}.

"*In cattall and shepe.* Imprimis in kye, whyes,[1] sterks, and calves, xxvj, xiij^{li}. Item in shepe xij, xxiiij^{s}. Item in money due by severall persons as yt may appeare, xlj^{li} xv^{s}."

THE WILL OF JENNET KITSON OF WARTON, CO. LANC., WIDOW. 1589.

ON the 20 October, 1589, JENNETT KYTSON of Warton, widow, made her will and desired to be buried in Warton church, "nye Robarte Kytson of the saide towne, deceased, her husbande," and gave her effects to her daughter Agnes, wife of Anthony Crofte.

[Proved at Richmond, 22 December, 1589.]

[1] Young heifers.

THE WILL OF GILES AILEPH,[1] CLERK, VICAR OF HEVERSHAM, CO. WESTMORELAND. 1588.

MAY 5, 1588. GILES AILEPHE, vicar of the parishe church of Heversham. To be buried in the cancell of my said parishe churche of Heversham. Item I gyve and bequeath unto Jane my wif and to the ysshewe of her bodye begotton or lawfully to be begotten all that my land, messuage or tenement, sett lyeinge and beinge in Killington in the countye of Westmerland which I bought of Thomas Foxcroft. And further it is my will yf Jane my wif shall dye without ysshew of her body lawfullye begotten, then I gyve and bequeath all my said land messuage or tenement to the parishe of Heversham for ever towards the maintinenance of a free scole to be kept within the same. Item I gyve unto the said Jane all [those] morgaiges, tackes leases, and grantts of ground which I have within the parishe of Heversham [or] anye other place els where. Item I gyve to the parishe churche of Heversham xl^{s} tow[ards the] reparation therof. Item I gyve unto the poore people of the same parishe on this sid. . . . osse other xl^{s} to be distributed amonge them in lent next comynge at the discretion of my supervisours. Item I gyve and bequeath unto the said Jane my wif all that my land sett ly[ing] and beinge in Kent of the anuall rent of xviij^{s} iiij^{d}, to have and to hold the said land to the said Jane hir heires and assignes for ever.

[Proved at Richmond, 1588.][2]

[1] Probably a member of a Kentish family, where the name, generally spelt Aleph or Alefe, is known.

[2] This will is not in the Index of Richmond wills printed by the Record Society.

THE WILL OF EDMUND SHIRBURNE OF BAILEY, CO. LANC., GENT. 1592.

NOVEMBER 27, 1591. EDMONDE SHEREBORNE of Bailey, gent. To be buried in the church of Mytton nere to St. Nicholes quere. To my master, Sir Richard Shirburne, knight, my dapled graye meare. To my sons Edward and Thomas Shereborne 13li 6s 8d each. To my daughter Grace, late wife of John Thorpe, £5. To the children of John Arthington, my grandchildren, £5. Grandson Henry, son of John Hayhurst of Baley. Son John executor.

[Proved at York, 13 April, 1592.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS SHIRBURNE OF BAILEY, CO. LANC., GENT. 1592.

MARCH 8, 34 Elizabeth [1591–2]. THOMAS SHERBOURNE of Baley, co. Lancaster, gentleman. To be buried in the church of Mytton near unto my father. To my mother in law £4. Brothers John and Edward Sherbourne; Grace Sherbourne. The children of John Thorp to whom I am uncle. The children of John Hayhurst of Dutton, of Henry Towneley of Dutton, of John Arthington of the Hull field, to whom I am uncle. Grace Sherbourne, Jane Haiehurst, and Jane Turner. My brother in law Henry Towneley of Dutton, and my brother John Sherbourn of Bayley, executors.

[Proved at York, 20 July, 1592.]

THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER PRESTON OF HOLKER, CO. LANC., ESQ. 1594.

MARCH 27, 1594. CHRISTOFER PRESTON of Holker, Esquier. To be buried in my parishe churche of Cartmell with as much speed as conveniently may be after I am departed out of this worlde. To George Preston whoe I am grandefather unto the one halfe of all my goodes, and the other halfe to Anne Preston nowe my wife, Thomas Preston my sonne and Elizabeth Preston my daughter. To Mabell my base daughter £20. To my wife all manner of tackes, &c., taken in the name of Thomas Jepson, exceptinge that which was taken of Mr Charles Laton of Sexoie(?) which I give to Thomas my sonne. My will is that my cosen Christofer Carus shall pay of that twentie markes which he doth owe unto me, which I paid for him unto Mr Auditor Harvie, to Christopher Carus his sonne who I am godfather unto, 20 nobles, and the other 20 nobles to Robert Cansfeilde sonne of my cosen Thomas Cansfeilde. My wife, Thomas my sonne, and Elizabeth my daughter, executors. To my nephewe Thomas Preston of Furnes which of my best horses as he will chuse, and another to Mr Ralphe Ashton of Whaley, To my cosen Thomas Cansfeilde 40s, and to his brother Robert Cansfield another 40s.

[Proved at York, 22 October, 1594.]

THE WILL OF JOHN SOUTHWORTH OF SAMLESBURY, CO. LANC., ESQ. 1596.

SEPTEMBER 17, 1595. The will of JOHN SOTHWORTH of Samlesbury, co. Lanc., knight. And first I doe constitute, &c., Jane Stanley, widowe, Bartholemew Hesketh of Aighton,

Esq., and Margaret wyfe of the sayd Bartholemew Hesketh, Robert Singleton of Brokall, gent., and Anne his wife, the sayd Jane, Margaret, and Anne beinge my naturall doughters and most lovinge children, my executors. He mentions "Thomas Sothworth my son and heir apparent and Rosamonde now his wyfe," "John Sothworth son and heir apparent of ye said Thomas," "Thomas Sothworth second son of the said Thomas Sothworth," "William third son of the said Thomas," "Richard Sothworth fourth son of the said Thomas Sothworth," "Mychell Sothworth fyft son of ye said Thomas Sothworth," "Christopher Sothworth sixt son of the sayd Thomas Sothworth," "Edward Sothworth seaventh son of ye said Thomas Sothworth," "John Talbott son and heir of George Talbot, and grand child of me the said Sr John," "Gabryell Hesketh son and heir of the sayd Bartholemew, an other of my grand children." "My soone Xtopher beinge nowe prisoner in the castell at Wysbiche shall have yearely payd unto him the some of Twenty pounds towards his charges and expences in prison." He also mentions "Briget, Margerie, Ellin, and Anne, daughters of my sayd sońe Thomas Sothworth," "Wiłłm Lyster late of Thornton, co. York, Esq., father of Rosamond wyfe of my sayd sońe Thomas." "My lovinge cosyns and friends Thomas Hesketh of Preston, and Humfray Davenport of Grays Inne, gents.," to be supervisors.

[Proved at York, January 7, 1595[-6].]

THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER BINDLOSS OF BORWICK, CO. LANC., ESQUIRE. 1600.

JUNE 3, 1600. CHRISTOPHER BYNDLOS of Borwicke, co. Lancaster, Esquire, being trubled with an infirmytie in my bodie. To be buried in the chancell in my parish church yard at Wareton. To the poore of Wareton £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To the poore

of Kendall £10. To the poore of Lancaster £6 13*s.* 4*d.* My wief Millyzant to have the tuition of my doughter Bridget Byndlos till she be 18. My brother Robert Byndlos. Valantyne Byndlos to have £100 when 21, which was given him by the last will of Robert Byndlos, Esq., my father, deceased.

Where my brother Robert Byndlos is bounden to pay to my brethren in law Thomas Breathwait and John Calvert, Esquires, and to my cosenes James Bowshell and Edward Willimsonne £1,200, for the maner of Presthutton for my use — £300 of it to my wife and £900 to my daughter. My wife executrix. Thomas Braythwayte of Burnishead, Esq., and John Calvert of Cockerham, Esq., my brethren in law. and my loving freinds Mr. Christopher Shute, vicar of Giglesworth [? Gigleswick], and Henry Porter, vicar of Lancaster, supervisors.

[Proved at York, 11 August, 1600.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS PRESTON OF THE MANOR IN FURNESS, ESQUIRE. 1604.

JANUARY 5, I. Jac. [1603–4]. THOMAS PRESTON of the Maner in Furneis, Esquier, to be buried in my parish church of Hebershame (wheresower it shall please God to call me) if the same convenientlie may be brought thidder, and my funerall to be done orderlie, comelie, and decentlie, accordinge to my callinge and degree.

Whereas I have granted by deed dated 11 March, 40 Elizabeth, to Richard Holland, Henrie Sands, Robert Caunsfeild, John Calvert, &c., all my right, title, &c., in the scite and demeasne lands of the late dissolved monasterie of Furneis, of the fisheinge of Rumpsyde and Waivneye and the o[y]ster fishinge, Angerton mosse, Sowerbie wood, &c., of the parsonage of Ulverston, of two churches in the Isle of Man, of a fishinge in Asheton called the Rill, the moitie of the herbage and pawnedge

of Quarmoor Parke, and the Lodge in the said parke called Parke Hall and the keepership or trust. I give the third part of the whole to Ann my wife, my plaite, furniture, &c., except two new cupboards made by Nicolas Waickfelde, my servant, which shall be heirelomes, to John Preston my sonnes heires male, then to the heirs male of Thomas Preston my uncle's sonne, then to George Preston my cosin and his heires male. I appoint my loveing frends and kinesmen, cosins Thomas Preston, George Preston, John Calvert, Esquires, and Henry Curwen, gent., my executors.

If my son John Preston doe at any tyme conforme to his Majesties laws of this realme and so continue, the said leases, &c., to go to him, but if he doe not conforme and have no issue male, whereas by a covenant conteyned in the originall lease of the lands of the said dissolved monasterie I stand covenanted to keepe hospitalitie (a godlie and charitable act of the same . . . . not . . . therein specified), then that George Preston my uncle's son shall dwell and keepe house at the said scite, &c., and to pay to Elizabeth Curwen, daughter of Thomas Curwen, deceased, £200, and to John Curwen, son of the said Thomas, £100. To James Knype, senior, and Elizabeth his wife, to either of them a nagge of the prise of fyve markes. To the poor of the parishes of Burton £13 6*s.* 8*d.*, Hevershame £10, Kendall £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, Ulverstone £13 6*s.* 8*d.*, and Dalton £5, to the halt, lame, blind, sicke, and such other as be most comfortles and not able to be borne. To my son John Preston, as a token of remembrance, my gold chayne, my bason and silver ure [ewer], and two of the best horses I then shall be possessed of to be taken at his election. To my loving daughter in law, his wife, my best carpett and a washing bason of silver parcell guilt. To Margaret Preston, his daughter, £20. To my brother in lawe Mr. Kirkbies doughters, my neeces, as followeth—to my doughter Curwen a couple of angells, to Marie Curwen her doughter £3 6*s.* 8*d.*, and to either of her other doughters Anne and Jane, an angell. I will that Mabell Preston shall have meat, drink, and lodging for her life.

I will that Thomas Curwen of Ruese, co. Lancaster, shall have the grounds his father had, and if he doe not enter to Ruesse before my deathe I give him all my goods, &c., there, he paying to his brother John Curwen £10, and to his sister Elizabeth Knype £10. Supervisors, my verie loving frende Sir Thomas Hesketh, King's Attorney to our Sovereign Lord the Kinge, of His Highnes Courts of Wards and Liveries, and one of His Majesty's honorable Counsell of the North parts, and I give him £20; my lovinge kinsemen Sir Thomas Strickland and Sir Nicholas Curwen, knights, Richard Holland and Robert Cansfield, Esquires, and I give to each of them one gelding, or £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To Walter Strickland, gent., my servant, £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To Thomas Sands, now my boye in the kitchin, one farme called Irelith Coate in the tenure of Arthure Cowell, he lookinge and keepinge the sheepe there honestlie and well. To John Fletcher, my man, the keepinge of Sowerbye Wood now in the keepinge of Roger Brigges.

[Proved at Richmond, 1604.]

THE WILL OF ROBERT RAWLINSON OF GRESDALE. 1606.

DECEMBER 2, 1606. ROBERT RAWLINSON of Grysdall. To be buried in the church of Hauxeheade. My messuage at Grysdall to my eldest son Thomas Rawlinson and his heirs male; then to my second son John Rawlinson and his heirs male; then to my youngest son Robert Rawlinson and his heirs male. Land at Hullater to my youngest son. Colton Hall, &c. Supervisors, James Anderton, Esq., John Flemyng, Esq., Christopher Phillipson, gent., William Hutton, William Benson, Francis Sawrey, and George Jackson.

[? Proved at York, 1606.]

THE WILL OF SIR THOMAS HESKETH,[1] KNT., ATTORNEY OF THE COURT OF WARDS. 1606.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1599. THOMAS HESKITH, Atturney of her Highnes Court of Wards and Liveryes. My desire is that soe many poore men of Preston as I shalbe yeares of age the daie of my deathe shall everie one of them have a shorte gowne of Yorkeshire clothe worthe a marke a peece, and I doe now accompte myselfe to be fiftie and one yeares of age. To everye one of my brothers and sisters that shalbe lyvinge the daie of my decease, viz., my brother Barthollomew, my brother Cuthbert, my sister Jennett his wief, my brother Warburton and my sister Elizabeth his wief, my brother Gerrard and my sister Grace his wief, my brother Fleetewood and my sister Elizabeth his wief, my sister Barbara, my brother Richard Fusse(?) and my sister Anne his wief, a ringe of golde of the valewe of 40s, with a deaths head and this inscription "sequere me," each. My wife to have my house in Preston wherein I dwell, and my lands, &c., with remainder to my brother Cuthbert and his heires. To Thomas Hesketh eldeste sonne all my bookes and £10 yearelie for lief. To Hesketh Warburton my sister sonne £10 yearelie for lief. My wief and my brother Cuthbert, executors, and the Right Honourable Sir Robert Cecill, knight, principall Secretary to her Majestie and my moste honorable patron, supervisor, unto whome I give my beste bason and ewer of silver and guilte.

Codicil. March 1, 1602[-3]. To my brother Cuthbert and his heires my lands, &c., in co. Yorke and in the county of the cyttie of Yorke.

[1] Sir Thomas Hesketh was buried in Westminster Abbey, where a monumental inscription was placed to his memory. He died 15th October, 1606. Above the inscription was a coat of arms, Hesketh impaling Singleton. He is said in this epitaph to have sprung from the old family of the Hesketh of Lancashire.

Codicil. October 15, 1605. Dame Julian[1] my now wife. To my nephew Robert Warburton £5 per annum untill he be made Master of Art. To my cosen Thomas Hesketh £20 per annum.

[Proved at York, 1 September, 1606, as the will of Thomas Hesketh of Heslington, knight, and administration granted to Julian his widow.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS VENABLES[2] OF KINDERTON, CO., CHESTER, ESQ. 1606.

DECEMBER 7, 1604. THOMAS VENABLES of Kinderton, Esquire. I will that my Ladie Gargrave and all my brothers in lawe and sisters in law which shall come to my funerall, and likewise my brother Mainewaring and my sister Mainewaringe and all such theire children, and likewise such other of my kinsfolkes as shall come to my funerall shall have blackes, viz., the gentlemen clokes and the gentlewomen gownes, but I would not have them invited to my said funerall because I would have noe great pompe nor solemnitie thereat. Item my will is that my servants in liverie which shall be at my funerall have everie of them a black liverie coate, and my executors to have a blacke gowne or cloake. Mr. Watts, if he continue preacher at Middlewiche and do preach at my funerall, to have a blacke gowne and 40*s*. To the poore of Middlewich £10. To the poore of Eccleston and Hawley 40*s*. each, of Wilton £3 6*s*. 8*d*., of Marshton and Winnington 40*s*.

[1] She was the daughter of Edward Fusey of London. She survived her husband and married secondly, 12th April, 1607, Sir Randolph Crewe, Chief Justice of the King's Bench. She was the latter's second wife, and was buried at Westminster Abbey on the 12th August, 1629, "the Lady Julian, wife of Sir Randolph Crew, in the long aisle on the North side." (See Col. Chester's *Westminster Abbey Registers.*)

[2] Thomas Venables of Kinderton, Esq., baron of Kinderton, was twice married, first to Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Brereton of Brereton, knt., and secondly to Anne, daughter of Sir Cotton Gargreave of Nostell, co. York, and had issue by both wives.

My gould, silver, plate, &c., the third of my lands, &c., which did discend to me from my late father Sir Thomas Venables, knight, deceased, &c., and my purchased lands, to my executors to pay my debts and pay £1,000 to my daughter Egerton,[1] according to the covenants between me and Sir Thomas Egerton, knight, now Lord Chancellor of England; to pay £500 to Sir Richard Ashton, knight, for the payment of which Sir Peter Leigh, knight, standeth bounden for the last part of my daughter Marie Ashton's[2] marriage money. To my daughter Marie Venables, by Anne now my wife, £1,000, and £1,000 which my Ladie Gargrave and Sir Richard Gargrave, knight, do owe me in part of my marriage money. If my wife be with child £1,000 to it. To my daughter Egerton £100, and to her three children Elizabeth, Marie, and Vere Egerton £100 each, if she do not inherit my auntient lands. To my daughter Ashton £100. To my wife Anne her thirds, &c.

To my Ladie Gargrave my best ambling gelding which she shall chuse. To my cosin Hugh Mainewaring £20. To my cosins Marie and Elenor Mainewaring, sisters of my said cosin Hugh, £40 each. To my cosin Robert Venables a blacke coate and five marks. To my sonne in law Mr. Richard Ashton my best horse or gelding after my Ladie Gargrave and my executors. My executors not to take from my wife the juells, &c., which she brought out of Yorkeshire with her, nor the gray gelding comonlie called my wives gelding. The residue to my sonne Peter and his heires male, with remainder to my three daughters, the Ladie Elizabeth Egerton, Marie Ashton, and Marie Venables. Sir Peter Leigh, knight, Sir Richard Gargrave, knight, and Henrie Mainwaring, Esquire, executors.

[Proved at York, 22 February, 1605–6.]

[1] His eldest daughter Elizabeth married Sir Thomas Egerton, son and heir of Thomas Egerton, Lord Ellesmere, Lord Chancellor of England, and had three daughters and co-heirs, Elizabeth, Mary, and Vere.

[2] His daughter Mary married Richard Assheton of Middleton, co. Lanc., Esq.

THE WILL OF SYMON HAYDOCK OF FEZANDFORD, CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1607.

AUGUST 12, 1606. SYMON HAYDOCKE of Fezandforde, co. Lancaster, gentleman. I will that William Anderton of Pendle Hall, John Townley of Hurstwood, Lawrence Ormeroid of Ormeroide, gent., and Lawrence Haydocke of Cliffordes Inne, gent., shall have the rule of all my lands, &c., on trust. My hartie desire is that Sir Thomas Wallmesley, knighte, shalbe gardian unto Evan Haydocke my sonne and heyre, and Richard Towneley of Towneley, Esq., to have the rule of Gilbert and Elleynor Haydocke, twoe of my younger children. To my daughter Mary Haydocke £500. To my daughter Ellenor £500. To my sonne Gilbert Haydocke £500. .... my wife .... The rest to my eldest sonne; my sonne Gilbert, executor. To my younge Master a guilded silver bowle. To my brother Grymeshawe a grograin gowne. To my wief a guilded salte with cover. To my cosen Anderton one other guilded silver bowle. To my brother Townley my blacke cloake. To my cosen Lawrence Haydocke my signett and goulde ringe. To my cosen Ormeroid my browne cloake and silke dublett.

[Proved at York, 11 March, 1606–7.]

THE WILL OF ANN PRESTON, WIDOW OF THOMAS PRESTON OF THE MANOR IN FURNESS, CO. LANC., ESQ. 1607.

NOVEMBER 27, 1605. ANN PRESTON, widowe, late wife of Thomas Preston of the Manor in Furneis, Esquire, beinge weake in bodye throughe the visitacion of Almightye God. To be buried within the churche of Heversham neare to

the corpes of my saide laite disceased husband. To the Ladie Elizabeth Curwen, my daughter, £200, a nest of tuns, and all the householde stuffe at Leavens which I can give. To Sir Henrye Widdrington, knight, a hundreth markes. To the Ladie Widdrington, nowe his wife, £100 and my great salt. To Catherine Widdrington, dawghter of the saide Sir Henrye and Ladye Marye his wife, £20. To An Curwen, daughter to Sir Nicholas Curwen, knight, £120. To Jane Curwen, youngest daughter of the saide Sir Nicholas, £120. I do give to the saide An and Jane all the reste of my plate, two spones excepted. To my sone John Preston, Esq., my gilded cupp and cover. To my dowghter Preston his wife 40*s*., and to my cosen Margrett Preston her dawghter two silver spones. To the Ladie Stricklande 10*s*. To the Ladye Bellingham 10*s*. To my aunte Preston of Holcar, 10*s*. To my cosen Elizabeth her daughter 10*s*. To my cosen Thomas Preston 10*s*. To my cosen George Preston 10*s*., and to Thomas his sonne 10*s*. To my cosen Robert Cansfeild 10*s*. To my cosen Elizabeth Crofte 10*s*. To my cosen Bridgett Bushell 10*s*. To my brother Christofer Carus £6 13*s*. 4*d*., and to my sister his wife £20. To Elizabeth Carus my god dawghter £20. To Catherine Carus £10. To Thomas Carus £10, to his wife 40*s*., and to everye one of his children 20*s*.

To Francis Preston and his wife and everye one of his children 20*s*. a pece, exceptinge Anthonye my godson, to whome I doe give £10, and to Thomas Preston brother to Francis 40*s*. To my cosen Margarye Preston 40*s*. To my aunte Preston her mother 20*s*. To my cosen An Aislibie 40*s*. To my cosen Margrett Sandfoorthe 40*s*., and to her daughter 20*s*. To Thomas Curwen of the Roose and to John Curwen his brother 40*s*. each. To Isabell Curwen 20*s*. To my cosen Highmes (?) 10*s*. To Elizabeth Lamplugh 20*s*. To Jane Curwen £6. To Robert Hodgeson of Dalton £3 and a sylver bowle he hathe of myne. To Maximiliane Singleton 10*s*. To Thomas Sands 5*s*. To Thomas Strickland 5*s*. To the poore in Heversham parishe £4. To the poore in Dalton parishe 40*s*. The rest to the Ladye

Elizabeth Curwen my dawghter, and I make her sole executrixe, and it is my will and mynde that she shall not be charged to paye anie of theise aforesaide legacies but at her owne likeing untill suche times as she hathe receyved all suche somes of money as Sir Thomas Strycklande, knighte, is oweinge me. Sir Henrye Widdrington, knighte, and Christofer Carus, Esquire, my brother in lawe [overseers].

[Proved at York, 24 April, 1607.]

THE WILL OF FRANCIS FITTON[1] OF GAWSWORTH, CO. CHESTER, ESQUIRE. 1608.

MARCH 31, 1608. FRANCIS FYTON of Gawesworth, co. Chester, Esquier. I forgive John Ince, the father, who hath served me since Christmas, 1597, and [was] brought up as a boye in my sister Englefeild's house at Englefeild, and his now wife [who] hath served my said sister as her waiting gentlewoman sundry yeares past, £10 he owes me, lent to him towards the storing of a farme he then had in Ashamstead, co. Berks, and I forgive him £60 which I did lend to him about tenn yeares past towardes the buying of a copyhold in Mortimer, being the landes of the Lord Marques of Winchester, at which time I did give him other £60. To my servant Hughe Stanley who hath served as my horsman since new years tyde, 1599, £20, and such of my wearing apparell as mine executors shall

[1] Francis Fitton of Wadborough, co. Worcester, Esq., was the third son of Sir Edward Fitton of Gawsworth, co. Chester, knight, and brother of Sir Edward Fitton, knight, Lord President of Connaught and Thomond, and Treasurer of Ireland. He died on the 17th June, and was buried at Gawsworth on the 18th June, 1608, where a handsome monument, still in the chancel of the church there, was placed to his memory. An illustration of this monument is given in *East Cheshire*. He married Katherine, the eldest daughter and one of the four co-heiresses of John Neville, Lord Latimer, and the widow of Henry, seventh Earl of Northumberland, but had no issue by her. (See *East Cheshire*, vol. ii. p. 565.)

thincke fittest for his wedding. To my sister Mistris Margaret Englefeild, widow, the clowdy lowpe saffer which I used to kepe as medicinable for eyes, and now being in hir custody, and the hanginges of my two late chambers at Holleshotte now as they are or as I left them at the time I went thence to live at Gawesworth, and the use of my hanginges of tapestree, chaires, stooles, and virginalles in the dyninge chamber at Holleshotte for her life, so long as she shall continue her dwelling there, and after her decease I bequeath the same to my nephew Francis Englefeild, Esquier, her son, together with all the coffers and chistes of mine in those chambers towardes the storinge and furnishing of his house, he now being yet but a younge housekeper, and all such armor of mine as is now at Holleshotte, viz., one horseman's armor with a placket and furniture, and one new corslett blacke with his furniture and sleves of maile.

I forgive to my sister in law Mistris Anne Welles, late wife to my brother Thomas Fitton, deceased, she being his sole executrix, £120, due to me by my said brother ever since the death of the right honorable Henry Earle of Northumberland, who deceased in 1585, about which debt I have often written to my said brother, and he alwaies in his liefe time confessed and acknowledged the same. I forgive to my brother George Fitton sundry sommes of money he owes me amounting to £125 13*s.* 4*d.*, which was lent to him in ready money out of my purse long since, and also £200 which I did lend to him in Lent, 1600, and was paid out to his use for his debts by the handes of Mr. Hughe Basse and Mr. Jeffrey Place of London, scriveners, for the freeyng and compounding of his debtes whereby he might quietly execute and possesse his office as Secondary of the Counter in the Polltree [the Poultry] in London.

To my nece the Lady Anne Newdegate, eldest daughter of Sir Edward Fitton, knight, my late nephew, deceased, in token of my love to her my new and best mawdlen cupp of silver plaine white with his cover, which is now in my lodging at London, and my litle case of white plate being plaine and of

silver wherein is couched and conteyned only foure small cuppes called shelles, a sallte and a peper boxe beinge the cover to the same cuppes or shells, and sixe foulding spoones with joyntes, all being couched within the same cuppes or shells and case, and the same enclosed in a litle round case of leather used by me commonly in my travaile for easie cariage, and is fitting and necessary to stand upon the cupbord in hir bed-chamber, and also my bedd of downe, &c., in my bed-chamber at London, with a canopy of yallowe velvet and curtaines of yellow double taffaty and a yellow silke quilte, now in the house of Mr. Thomas Phillips, chandlor, nere the Savoy in the Strond. To my cosin Edmund Fyton, sonne and heire to my late nephew William Fitton, £20, and £10 in money which I did lend to him at his going into Spaine with Sir Richard Leveson in consideracon of a sett of violles de la gamba of his late fathers, and also a sett of Recorders and a great gyterne,[1] a lute and a paire of virginalles which were all his said late fathers, and by him left in my keeping, which said sett of vialles I did lend to Sir John Davers, knight, deceased, and were sithence in the handes of Dame Elizabeth Davers his late widow, and since then also in the handes of Sir Charles Davers, knight, hir sonne attainted, by whose fall the said vialles may fortune to be lost, but the virginalles and lute are ready for him and also the said great githerne[1] in my owne now lodging in the Strond, the Red Cocke nere the Savoy. I forgive my kinsman now Sir William Slingesby, knight, £10 which I lent him long since. To Mistris Elizabeth Luce now wief to my servant John Luce the father, towardes the better furnishing of hir house in Mortemer three paire of good ordinary household sheetes, &c. To my servant William Bosson one of my hackney geldinges, not my best, for that I meane my best gelding to an other good freind of mine, not as a reward to the said Bosson but as a token and remembrance of my good will to him for that I have formerly done well for him.

[1] A "gittern" was a "cittern," a musical instrument like a guitar.

I forgive Dame Alice Fyton, the widow of my nephew Sir Edward Fitton, knight, deceased, £17 which she borrowed of me at London in winter 1597, hir said husband being in the cuntry. To my kinsman Edward Fyton, sonne to my nephew Richard Fitton who deceased in Ireland, which said Edward doth now attend upon the right honorable Sir George Carewe, knight, Lord Carewe of Claxton, now vice-chamberlane to the Quene's Majestie, £60, for that I credibly understand he servethe his lord and master diligently, and carieth himselfe honestly and gentlemanly towardes all men and himselfe in the good opinion of all men that do know him. To Richard Fiton, brother to the said Edward, £40 for the like consideracions and respect of his good and honest cariage in all places, and in the time he served my nephew Sir Edward Fitton, knight, deceased, and at all times before and since. To my brother George Fitton, before named, £40, and if anie seme to marvaile that I do give to him, being my brother, no more but this somme, I wishe it may be knowne that this somme is not the only benefitte in moneys that I have donne for him, as I know himselfe will confesse. I forgive to Henry Hearshe, an old servante of mine dwelling in Bathe, and heretofore served my honorable lady and wief Katherine, Countesse of Northumberland, deceased, as a groome of hir chamber, £10 as I did lend to him upon his bond sealed by himselfe and his father in law, old Perman of the Citty of Bathe. To my cosin Richard Fitton, younger brother to my cosin and nephew Edward Fyton of Gawesworth, Esquier, and sonne to Sir Richard Fyton, knight, last deceased, my interest in the New Barne in Gawesworth, &c., that I had by demise from Sir Edward Fitton his late father, and if he will give it up to his now eldest brother Edward Fitton, Esquier, I do give him my lease of Hartridge farme in com. Berke.

To my nephew Mr. William Pollewheele, who maried with my nece Mistris Marie Fitton,[1] younger daughter to Sir Edward

[1] This is the now celebrated Mary Fitton, believed by some writers to have been the "dark lady" of Shakespeare's Sonnets.

Fitton, knight, deceased, my nephew before in these named, my usuall riding sword being damasked, commonly called a fauchin, and my best horse or gelding of mine, to his owne best liking, as a remembrance and token of my love to him; and to his now wief, I bequeath as a remembrance of my love my sugar boxe of silver plaine white and round, and my silver grater, both which I use to carry with me when I travaile. My lease of the tiethes of corne and haie within the mannor of Bosley, of the demise of Sir Urian Leighe, knight, and in divers towneshipps, &c., in the parrishe of Presbury, which is the inheritance of John Henshawe, gent., together with the tiethes of woll and lambe in Bosley, to my nephew Edward Fitton of Gawesworth, Esquier, with remainder to Edward his eldest sonne, and remainder to the heire to my brother Sir Edward Fitton, knight, deceased, late Treasorer of Ireland, and grandfather of my said nephew, now Edward Fitton of Gawesworthe, Esquier. To my said nephew, for his lief, I give the use of my whole leather case of gilded plate, viz., a bason and yewer, foure drincking cuppes like unto lowe goblettes, sixe spoones, sixe trencher plates, two sawcers, two forkes and a salte, and a wache or horaloge gilded and enamiled—to be as an heireloome to the heires of the Fittons of the house of Gawesworth.

To my said cosin and nephew Edward Fitton, Esquier, I give my jewell of diamondes and gold like unto a starre, which I do usually weare in my hatte—to remaine as an heireloome, and all that litle store of plate which I have and usually is lyinge at my lodginge at London, viz., two silver dishes, two silver trencher plates, sixe spoones, one large colledge jugge or pott with his cover, one silver canne or tankerd with ribbes and covered, one tunn cupp, one trencher salte, one old slender maudline cupp with his cover, being in the study at Gawesworth and not at London. And I give him a summe of money of [blank] for and in respect of my love to him as heire to the Fittons of the house of Gawsworth, in which I and manie of my auncestors were borne, and for his better help to be the better able to

stocke and store his demeasnes, and thereby also to be the better able to live in the like countenance as his auncestors have donne there before him.

To the poore of the parish of Gawsworth and Siddington, Maxfield, and Congleton, £20, and my body to be buried in the paryishe church of Gawsworth and a faire large stone of alablaster to be laid upon my grave with an inscription graved in brass,[1] mentioninge, viz., "Here lieth Francis Fitton, Esquier, which maried Katherine, Countes douger of Northumberland, and third brother to Sir Edward Fitton of Gawsworth, knight, deceased, lord President of Connagh and Treasorer of Ireland." I ordaine my two said kinsmen Edward Fitton and Frauncis Englefeild, Esquiers, both my dere freindes and nere kinsmen in bloud to be my executors, and Francis Moore of the Midle Temple, London, Esquier, and councellor at law, mine auncient acquaintance and alwaies my dere freind to be my overseer, and in regard of the paines and trouble they may have, I give to my said nephew Francis Englefeild a bason and yewer of silver to the value of £30, with mine armes graved upon the same, with the difference perteyning to a third brother, and the same to be provided with his owne privity and allowance touching the fashion of that bason and yewer, and a like pece of plate to Francis Moore. The residue I bequeath to my nephew Edward Fitton of Gawsworthe, Esquier, having manie children, for the better encrease of his present estate, he being my next heire in blood and the heire and lord of the house of Gawsworth, where my selfe and manie of my ancestors were borne, lived, and continued many yeares and descentes.

[Proved at York, 1608.]

[1] Instead of this a handsome altar tomb was erected, on which he is represented lying at full length. At the base of the monument is the figure of a skeleton wrapped in a winding sheet. The inscription, as directed in the will, was painted round the edges of the tomb. (See the full page illustration in *East Cheshire*, vol. ii. p. 553.)

THE WILL OF THOMAS SHIRBURN OF ECCLESTON, CO. LANC., ESQ. 1608.

SEPTEMBER, 9, 1607. THOMAS SHIRBURNE of Eccleston, co. Lancaster, Esq. To be buried at the discretion of my brother Richard Shirburne of Stonyhurst, Esq., and my wife. Son and heir Richard Shirburne (a minor). I have lately purchased of my brother in lawe Mr. Thomas Whettingham and Margaret his wife the lands of the said Margaret which descended to her upon the death of Evan Edmundson, gent., late father of my wife and of the said Margaret. My son Thomas £120. Son Robert. Wife Jane, executrix. My brother Richard Shirburne, supervisor.

[Proved at York, 31 May, 1608.]

THE WILL OF HUGH SHIRBURN OF ESHOLD, CO. YORK, ESQ. 1608.

APRIL 26, 1608. HUGHE SHERBURNE of Eshold, co. Yorke, Esq. Whereas my father Sir Richard Sherburne of Stonyehurste, deceased, by wrytinge dated 28 May, 35 Elizabeth [1593], granted to Thomas Fleetewood, Esq., John Edwards, Esq., Lawrence Towneley, gent., and Henry Towneley, gent., his mannors of Eshold and Gyseley, co. York, and his messuages in Eshold, Gyseley, Hawkesworth, Baildon, and Mensington, on trust, to his and my uses. To my daughters Hellen and Katherine Sherburne my messuages, &c., in Gyseley. To my daughter Katherine £600. To my wife Elizabeth my messuage called Boldeshaye in Bradford. To my brother Mr. Richard Sherburne of Stonyhurst, Esq., my best horse. To my brother in lawe Sir Robert Dyneley, knight, a bond of £76

which he entered into unto me and my late mother in law Mrs. Dorothy Dynely, deceased, for the payment of all the corne which was the goods of John Dynely late of Bramhoppe, Esq. Residue to my wife.

[Proved at York, 1608.]

THE WILL OF JOHN TOWNLEY OF TOWNLEY, CO. LANC., ESQ. 1608.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1607. JOHN TOWNELEY of Towneley, Esquier. By deed dated 18 September, 1607, I have sett over to Robert Hesketh of Rufford, co. Lanc., Esq., Richard Hesketh his younger brother, Richard Smyth of Lincoln, gent., and Nicholas Banncrofte my servant, all my goods, &c., excepte my apparell, my horse litter and a maire which I use to ride upon, on trust, to pay my debts and to the uses described in the said schedull, they to be executors. Raphe Ashton of Great Leaver, Esq., supervisor.

[Proved at York, 22 December, 1608.]

THE WILL OF LUKE SHIRBURN OF THE WOOLFHALL IN SHIRBURN, CO. LANC., GENT, 1610

NOVEMBER 23, 1608. LUKE SHEREBURNE of the Woolfehall in Shereburne, neare to Chippin, gentleman, payned with the visitacion of Almighty God. To be buried in the church yard of Chippin nere my father and mother. To my nephewe Roger Shereburne my cloake, and to Elizabeth his wiefe my best hatt, which is faced with velvett and hathe a

rounde silke band. £5 to pray for my soule and the poore to have [a] penie a peece the day of my buryall. To Anne Shereburne my sister in lawe 20*s*., and to Alexander, Richard, and John Shereburne, her sonnes, 10*s*. each. To Charles Hothersall *alias* Shereburne, my bastard sonne, £20. My shapen apperell to Symon Shereburne my brother. To my cozin Roger Shereburne of the Knott, 20*s*. Anne my wife and Robert Shereburne my sonne, my cozin Roger Shereburne of the Knott, John Hackinge, and my cozin John Shereburne of Cowen, my executors.

[Proved at York, 22 September, 1610.]

THE WILL OF JOHN IRELAND OF THE HUTT, CO. LANC., ESQ. 1611.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1611. JOHN IRELAND of the Hutt, co. Lancaster, Esquire. My late father George Ireland. To Katharine my wife (*inter alia*) my best sommer nagge, my best winter geldinge, my best guilt bowle, one of my three silver cuppes or bowles made by one Holme, nowe or lately a goldsmyth in Knowesley; one broade silver bowle or cuppe of forty shillings waight or thereabouts, one standinge cuppe garnished with silver and guilte made by the sayde Holme, called the best nutt, one chayne of golde of the price of £20 or thereabouts, one border of gould which was sometymes my mothers. My very good Lord and Master the Earle of Derby; my great great grandfather John Birkenhead, Esq. My wife to have my stuffe of Roby Hall. To Gilbert Ireland my brother (and heire apparent) my plate of silver and guilt, one chaine of gold, one sealinge ringe or signett of armes that was my fathers, together with the horne of Crotonn. To my well beloved cosen and deare frend Robert Hesketh of Rufforth, co. Lancaster, Esq., and my brother George Ireland, gent., £20 each and a gold

ring, and to Robert Hesketh my diamond ring and to my brother George my ringe with deathe's head upon both (sides or ends?) which I daylie and usually weare upon my fingers.

[Proved at York (?1611).]

THE WILL OF JOHN SHIRBURN OF BAILEY, CO. LANC., GENT., 1612.

DECEMBER 13, 9 James [1611]. JOHN SHEREBURN of Baley, gent. To be buried in the church of Mitton neare my predecessors. Daughter Grace, wife of Benjamin Eccles. Children Edmund Shereburn, Marie, now wife of Richard Carter, Jennett, Jane, and Anne Shereburn. Grand-children. Wife Jane. Nephews Richard Towneley of Dutton, and Henry Haighurst of Baley. Nephew John Towneley of Aighton.

[Proved at York, the last day of February, 1611–12.]

THE WILL OF DAME ISABEL SHIRBURN OF WIGLESWORTH, CO. YORK. 1612.

MAY 17, 1612. DAME ISABELL SHERBURNE of Wiglesworth, co. York, widowe, late wife of Sir Richard Sherburne, knight, deceased. To be burried in the church of Mitton neere my husband Sir Richard. To my sonne in lawe Sir John Southworth the third parte of all my plate. To Marie his daughter £63 13*s.* 4*d.* To Richard Southworth his sonne £20. To the rest of his children £60. To my sonne in lawe Mr. William Houghton a third of my plate and £100. To my daughter Grace his wife £1,000. To William Houghton theire sonne £20. My brother James Wood and his two daughters.

To my sister Hellen Smyth. Mrs. Marie Stricland. My lands in Wiglesworth to Richard Sherburne and the residue also, he to be executor.

[Proved at York, 5 June, 1612.]

THE WILL OF KATHERINE RADCLIFFE, OF ROCHDALE, WIDOW. 1612.

APRIL 27, 1609. KATHRINE RADCLIFFE of Ratchdaile, co. Lancaster, widdow. To be buried in the church of Ratchdaile.[1] To my daughter Deborah Belfeld the stillatorie in the rome where I now lye. Daughter Presilla. To my grandchilde Kathrine Radcliffe my sonne Henrie's daughter 40*s*. To each childe of my sonne Joseph Radcliffe and of my said daughter Deborah 10*s*. Daughter Presilla £100. The rest to my sonne Jonathan Radcliffe and my daughter Presilla. My brother Mr. Edward Ashton, parson of Midleton, and my cosin John Cudworth of Wenraith [Wernith], executors.

[Proved at York, 20 August, 1612.]

THE WILL OF WILLIAM WICKLIFFE OF DALTON, CO. LANC., YEOMAN. 1613.

OCTOBER 14, 1612. WILLIAM WICKLYFFE of Dalton, co. Lancaster, yeoman. To be buried at Burton in Kendall. Daughter Agnes and her mother. My brother John's two youngest sons which he had with his later wife. The goods

[1] Her burial is not to be found in the Rochdale Registers, 1582 to 1616, recently printed. She was the daughter of Arthur Ashton of Clegg, gent., and married Robert Radcliffe, Head Master of Rochdale Grammar School. (See Fishwick's *History of Rochdale*, p. 272.)

which my brother John left at my house and which I bought of his wife. Katheren my wife. My brother in law George Hutton.

[Inventory dated 4 February, 1612–13. Sum £45 13*s.* 4*d.*]

Administration granted to Dorothy (?) his widow.

[Proved at York, 1613.]

THE WILL OF WILLIAM OBURNE, CLERK, VICAR OF BOLTON. 1613.

WILLIAM OBURNE, the unworthy servant of Christ Jesus Vicar of Bolton, being perfect in memory I thank God, and fealing myself many wayes infirme and diseased, putting me in mynd of my mortalytie, and finding it dayly to wax weaker and weaker, being often stryken with one of Gods messingers, have thought good to sett my house in order and to prepare my self for my Lord Jesus Christ as his heavenlie majestie will gyve me leve. Therefore I commytt my soull into the hands of the Omnipotent and only God, assuring myself to be saved by the death of Christ Jesus only, and my mynd is that my body be buried in Bolton Church Quyer, under the great marble stonne ther, and I desyre my frends my supervisors to see that the stonne be rased half a yard at the least with free stonne, that men may conveniently sitt upon yt. I give to Mr. Preston all my noat books wryten with my owne hand. To Mr. Dawson my Turnebull upon James. To Mr. Coale my byble. I owe to John Fyne I knowe not certaynly (what), but let my noats and Easter and lamb books be perused, and then I trust ther will be no great ods.

Inventory dated 22 March, 1612–13.

[Proved at York, 1613.]

THE WILL OF MILES SAWREY OF THE WATER-HEAD, CO. LANC. 1613.

AUGUST 24, 1613. MYLES SAWREY of the Watter-head, to be buried in the church of Haukeshead. To myn elder son William Sawrey my tenement at the Watterhead. To my son Henry the ground I have bought and taken in ffarre Coniston and in this parish. Son in law George Holme; two sons executors. Supervisors, my well beloved in Christ Mr. Edwyn Sands, my brother Henry Sawrey, my cossin Myles Sawrey, and my sonne in lawe Robert Jopson.

[Proved at York, 4 November, 1613.]

THE INVENTORY OF THE GOODS OF WILLIAM SANDYS OF CRAITHIOT, IN FURNESS FELLS, CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1613.

JUNE 3, 1613. Inventory of WILLIAM SANDS of Craithiot [Graythwaite?], in Fourness fells, gent. Total £110 2*s.* 2*d.*

[Exhibited at Richmond, 1613.]

THE WILL OF LAWRENCE HABERGHAM OF HABERGHAM, CO. LANC., GENT. 1615.

MAY 14, 1614. LAWRENCE HABERGHAM of Habergham, co. Lanc., gent. To be buried in the church of Bruneley. Whereas Humphray Davenporte of Grayes Inn, Edmund Hopwood, Nicholas Banester of Altham, Esquires, Nicholas Starkie of Kempnalgh, Edward Gelybrande of Ramesgrave, gent., are

seized of all my messuages, &c., &c., in Fouldrigge, Hapton, Habergham, and Brunley, on trust, to pay my debts, to pay to Elizabeth Burdet £100. To Katherine Habergham £300. To Mary and Anne Habergham my daughters £200 each (minors), John Habergham my sonne and heire apparent to have these things as heyrelombes—twoe longe scaplinge chists, an other chest in the same chamber called Wolfenden, a greate iron chimney in the kitchin with two great spitts, brandreth and ricks thereto belonginge, and one greate sapling garner in the oulde barne. The rest to Katherine, Marie, and Anne Habergham my daughters. To every of my feoffees one gould ringe with a deathe's head thereuppon engraven with this poesie, "Mors janua vitæ," of 20*s*. a peece. To my daughters Margaret Greene and Elizabeth Burdet £5 and 40*s*. in gould. My son John, executor. Richard Shuttleworth of Gawthrop, Esq., and Nicholas Shuttleworth late of Grayes Inn, his brother, overseers.

[Proved at York, 20 May, 1615.]

THE WILL OF EDWARD FLEETWOOD OF PENWORTHAM, CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1615.

JUNE 29, 1615. EDWARD FLEETWOOD of Penwortham, co. Lancaster, gentleman. I have conveyed the revercion of certaine lands in Lancashire to my cosin Mr. Thomas Charnock and Mr. Edmond Briers, on trust, to performe the trusts which sithence that time by reason of my sicknes I have bene forced to fall into. My father Mr. Richard Fleetwood and my mother Mrs. Margarie Fleetwood. Sir William Norris, knight, my father in lawe, and the Lady Ellinor Norris my mother in lawe. My brothers and sisters in law. To my brother Henrie Fleetwood a paire of silke stockings and my nagge called Gray

Rookesby. To Sir Nicholas Peele a newe Communion book which I have. To my sister Talbott the bigger Cheney dishe, and to my sister Katherene the lesser Cheney dishe. To my sister Talbott her twoe litle daughters either of them a ring of gold. To my brother in law Mr. Thomas Talbott a ring of gold. My trustees to be exccutors. My children and my lait wife.

[Proved at York, 4 October, 1615.]

THE WILL OF JAMES KNIPE OF RAMPSIDE, CO. LANC. 1616.

FEBRUARY 28, 1614–15. JAMES KNYPE of Rampsyde, co. Lanc. To be buried in the church of Dalton. My tenements at Rampsyde to John Knype my son, now a minor, and also my lands in Bloweth, Newland, &c. Wife Elizabeth. Daughter Anne Knype £100; daughter Ellin Knype £200 when 18; brother Anthonie Knype the coult stagg[1]—brothers Jarvis, Thomas, and Nathan Knype. To my sister Dorothy Knype £20. Supervisors, John Preston of the Mannor, Esquier, Francis Preston my unkell, Thomas Curwen my brother in law, and Nicholas Boulton.

[Proved at York, 29 March, 1615–16.]

THE WILL OF WILLIAM BRABYN OF WHITTINGTON, CO. LANC. 1617.

MARCH 27, 1617. WILLIAM BRABYN of Whittington, to be buried in the church of Whittington. I give to Henry my son the capital message or chantrie called S. Prittall, in the parish of Kirkby Lonsdall. To my son William Brabyn

[1] Stagg is a North Country word meaning a young horse.

the bond of £20 per annum due from Thomas Middleton of Leighton, Esq. To my two sons Henry and William, and their heirs, my patent of the office of Regestershipp of five Deaneries. To my son John Brabyn my lands in Docker and my lease of Argholme Millne, and he to pay to his five sisters £100. Son John Brabyn and daughters Alice and Jane, executors. Brother Thomas Brabyn, brother John Ward, and cosen John Baynes of Sellotte, supervisors.

Debts due to him. William, sonn of Henry Cowpland, for my Lord Mounteagle's debt, £12 10*s*. Thomas Mydleton of Leyghton, Esq., £50.

Debts owing to Henry Brabyn, his father. Of the Lord Mounteagle, £100.

Inventory of Mr. William Brabyn	£144 5*s*. 0*d*.
Debts due to him - - -	£321 3*s*. 4*d*.

Inventory of Mr. Henry Brabyn—in silver and gould in his chist, £908. Total £1,313 11*s*. 4*d*.

[Proved at York, 13 May, 1617.]

THE WILL OF ALEXANDER RATCLIFFE OF GRAYS INN, GENTLEMAN. 1618.

JULIE 20, 1615. ALEXANDER RATCLIFFE of Grayes Inne, gentleman, youngest sonne of Charles Ratcliffe of Todmorden, co. Lancaster, Esq. To the poore of Todmorden where I was borne £20. I will that my bodie be buried decently accordinge to my poore degre, and that blackes of mourneinge garments be bestowed upon my brother and sister Greenewood, upon Mr. Smith, sometimes preacher of St. Andrewe's in Holburne, upon Jane Smith and her daughter

Pegge, upon my cozen Burghe and his wife, my cozen Jordan and his wife and their daughter. To the Dean and Chapter of St. Paule £400, £200 whereof to be imployed for a yerelie rente for ever towards the charges of such gentlemen, schollers of Oxford and Cambridge, as shall willinglye bestowe there paines in preachinge the Gospell of Christ Jesus at St. Paules Crosse. The other £200 to the use of the gentlemen quiristers and ministers of the quire of St. Paules to purchase a small yearely pention for ever. Charles Greenewood my nephew, vicar of Thornhill, supervisor. The rest to my cosen Samuell Ratcliffe, D.D., and Principall of Brasenose Colledge in Oxford, and to my cosen George Ratcliffe of Graie's Inn, gent., to perform my will, &c.—they to be executors.

[Proved at York, 10 September, 1618.]

THE WILL OF EDWARD ASHTON, CLERK, RECTOR OF MIDDLETON, CO. LANC. 1618.

SEPTEMBER 8, 15 James [1617]. EDWARD ASHTON, clarke, parson of Middleton, co. Lancaster. To be buried in the chappell belonginge to me in the church of Middleton. To my now wife Dorothy Ashton and my younger children Isaack, Mary, Jane, and Katherine Ashton, a third of my goods. My daughter Dorothy married to Edmund Hopwood of Hopwood, Esq. Cozens Abell Buckley of Buckley, and John Cudworth th'elder of Wirneth—brothers in law Osburd Prat of Hockwold, co. Norfolk, and Edward Prat of Heaveingham, co. Suffolk, gentlemen, and cozen Jeffrey Cobb, co. Norfolk, gentleman. Cosen Savill Ratcliffe of Todmorden, Esq. Son Edward Ashton.

[Proved at York, 23 September, 1618.]

THE WILL OF GRACE RATCLIFFE OF WAKEFIELD, WIDOW. 1619.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1618. GRACE RATCLIFFE of Wakefeild, widdow, late wife of Alexander Ratcliffe of Grayes Inn, gent. To be buried in the church of Wakefield. To the poore of Baroughby co. Lincolne, where I once dwelt, 40*s*. To my brother Mr. William Savile £3 6*s*. 8*d*. To my grandchild Mary Percie, eldest daughter of my sonne William Vernon £3 6*s*. 8*d*. To Elizabeth Vernon his second daughter £3 6*s*. 8*d*. My son William Vernon executor and residuary legatee.

[Proved at York, 26 July, 1619.]

THE WILL OF ISAAC KNIPE OF THE PARISH OF CARTMEL, CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1619.

DECEMBER 7, 1618. ISACKE KNIPPE of the parish of Cartmell, gent. To be buried in Cartmell churche where my father was buried. My mother Jane Knippe to have £6 13*s*. 4*d*. per annum for life. My wife Jane. My lease att Lancliffe and the lands at Bennett field to William Knippe, my son. My brothers Tymothy and Anthony. To my daughter Mary £300—brother Tobias Knippe, my sister Ellin's son William—my aunt Ellin—cossine Christabelle—my sister Hester. Supervisors, my brethren Tobias, Samuel, Tymothie, and Anthonie Knippe.

[Proved at York, 12 April, 1619.]

THE WILL OF SIR JOHN EGERTON OF EGERTON, CO. CHESTER, KNIGHT. 1619.

APRIL 26, 1614. SIR JOHN EGERTON of Egerton, co. Chester, knight. To my wife, Dame Anne, all my plate, goods, &c., which I have by my inter-marriage, except onelie the garden and garden house in the parish of St. Gyles without Criplegate. The rest to my cosen Edward Egerton, Esq., he to be sole executor. To my wife £3,000, and she to release her dower. All my lands in cos. Stafford, Flint, Chester, &c., to my said cozen, and he and my sonne Rowland Egerton to confirme all the leases for lives which I have made, and my said cosen to convey to Peter Egerton, my sonne, £200 or £300 a year for his life.

[Proved at York, 27 August, 1619.]

THE WILL OF ROGER KIRKBY OF KIRKBY IRELETH, CO. LANC., THE ELDER, ESQUIRE. 1619.

ROGER KIRKBY of Kirkeby Irelith, the elder, Esquier, to be buried in the chappell nere my auncestors. My nephew Roger and his son John, and my daughter Anne Kirkby, my executors. My daughters, my nephewes Anthony Kirkby and his brother Raphe, £5 each. To Ann Sandforthe 20 nobles; my cosens, my daughters' children; cosen Margaret Rollingson, £3 6*s.* 8*d.* Supervisors, my cosen William Huddleston, my nephew John Preston, my sonne James Buskell, my nephew Robert Rawlingson. To my nephew Roger Kirkby my best horse.

[Proved at York, 23 February, 1618–19.]

THE WILL OF GEORGE ROGERSON OF PRESTON IN AMOUNDERNESS, CO. LANC., CHAPMAN. 1620.

JANUARY 25, 1619. GEORGE ROGERSON of Preston in Amunderness, in the co. of Lanc., chapman. It is my will that all my lands which are specified and set down in a certain writing bearing date with these presents, to which I have set my hand and seale, shall be given, bestowed, and employed to such godlie and religious uses as in and by the said writing I have set forth and declared. I give to Margaret my wife the house where we dwell and the lands which belong to the chappell of Longton for her life, and after her death I give and bequeath the same house and lands to Edmond Rogerson, son of William Rogerson late of Cuerdall, deceased, and his heirs for ever. I give to Roger Langton of Preston, gent., one acre of land in Watterie Willows in Preston to the use of Roger Langton, sixth son of the said Roger Langton, gent., to whom I am godfather, and to his heirs for ever, and if he die without issue then I devise the said land to his father, the said Roger Langton, and his heirs, in fee, to hold of the lords of the fee. I give to Christopher Rogerson my brother, £30. To Edward Rogerson, my brother William his son, £20. To Roger, son of the said Roger Langton, gent., my silver bowl with a cover. All the residue to Margaret my wife, and I appoint her and the said Roger Langton, senior, executors. Witnesses, Roger Langton, Henry Ingham, &c.

[Proved at York, 20 March, 1619[-20].]

THE WILL OF HENRY FLETCHER, CITIZEN AND MERCHANT TAILOR, OF LONDON. 1621.

MAY 21, 1621. HENRY FLETCHER late of the parich of St. Gregorie, and Citizen and Marchant taylior, of London. To be buried in the church of Cartmell in Lancashire. To Robert Muckelt my brother in lawe Richard his sonne, my meare and my sadle, brydle, and stirrops, and also my marble gray cloake lyned with blacke bayes, and a per of French grene silke garters, and also a per of cordivant gloves layed over the topp with five gould laces. To my brother in lawe Richard Muckelt my French grene cloake with my bootes and spurs. To my cosen Robert Muckelt my lease which I holde from the see of Canterburie called Broomie lease. To my cosen Edward Marshall all my printed bookes and my pewther standishe and penknife, and to his wife a per of showes which I brought from London.

[Proved at Richmond, 1621.]

THE WILL OF EDWARD TILDESLEY OF MORLEYS, CO. LANC., ESQUIRE. 1622

MARCH 23, 54 James [1620–1]. EDWARD TILDESLEY of Morleyes, co. Lancaster, esquier. To be buried in my owne chappell in the church of Leighe. Whereas I have made choice of a match for my sonne Thomas Tildesley according to my desire and likeing, and haveing accordingly married him to Anne, daughter of Edmond Breres, Esq., who hath paid me £600 for the portion of the said Anne, I require my said sonne at his yeares of consent to accept of the said marriage, as well for that out of my love unto him I have made choice thereof, as also to avoide the paiement of those great somes of money which I have charged him to paie if he refuse to consumate the

said marriage, and I do hereby charge my said sonne that he do not suffer himself to be withdrawne from the said marriage by his unkinde mother, whoe by herself and others hath drawne from me contrarie to my meaneing an estate of £200 per annum dureing her widowhood, for my purpose therein was that she should have the same, being Poulton tythes, dureing her widowhood, if I happned to dye without issue male, haveing then none, and not otherwise. Besides she hath so neglected me and her children, myself being sicklie and they young, therein manifesting her litle regard of us; and my minde and will is that she shall have nothing to do with either of them by tuicion or otherwise, and as far as in me lyeth, and I give the marriage and wardshippe of my sonne Thomas to Edmond Breres. I ratifie the deed of gift of all my goods that I have made to Edmond Breres and Robert Dewhurst. I give them also all such goods as are not given by the said deed, in trust, for Edward Tildesley my younger sonne. My herbage of Mierscough and my lands, &c., in co. Lancaster to my sonne Thomas. I make Edmond Breres gardian of my sonne Thomas (and of my sonne Edward) to the ende that he maie be matched and married to some of his daughters. James Massey, Esq., and Christopher Anderton of Lostock, gent., executors, and Roger Bradshawe, Esq., my unckle, and John Poole, Esq., my brother in lawe, overseers. To my servants two yeares wages. To my executor Christopher Anderton £60.

[Proved at York, 3 October, 1622.]

THE WILL OF ROBERT PRESTON OF OVER-KELLET, CO. LANC., CLERK, 1623.

MARCH 21, 1622-3. ROBERT PRESTON, clarke, an unworthie minister of Christ Jesus in his gospell. To be buried in the chancell of Kellett. Brother Richard Preston of

Norwich; remainder to Richard my son, and Alice and Ann Preston my daughters; my brother Walter Cocke, brother Clapham. "I leave my daughter Alice to the charge of my cosin William Preston, and if she will not, then to my brother Clapham, and yett methinks by reason of Gigleswicke schole it weare good that Richard went thither and Alice to William, but if neither course wilbe taken, then loving wife I hopp thou wilt doe thy best, but if they will, then the youngest to thee."

[Proved at Richmond, 10 May, 1623.]

THE WILL OF JOHN WALKER OF ULVERSTON, CO. LANC., PREACHER OF GOD'S WORD. 1623.

JUNE 27, 1623. JOHN WALKER of Ulverstone, preacher of God's Sacred Word. To be buried in the chancell of Ulverstone, neare unto Maister Curwen.

[Proved at Richmond, 1623.]

THE WILL OF LAWRENCE TOWNLEY OF BARNSETT, CO. LANC., ESQUIRE. 1624.

AUGUST 23, 1623. LAWRENCE TOWNLEY of Barnsett, co. Lancaster Esquier. To be buried in my queare in the church of Collne amongst my auncestors. Whereas I have surrendered into the King's hands my lands, &c., within the mannor of Ightenhill of the new hold, in the forrest of Pendle, to the use of Nicholas Grimshawe of Clayton, Esq., and Laurence Townley of Stonyedg, gent., on trust, and I have already surrendered the manors of Colne and Ightenhill of the ould hold to

the use of John Hargraves of Hierode, and John Blakey, the elder, of Colne, on trust, they to be seized of a tenement at Shawhead for the use of Marie Townley, widowe, late wife of Robert Townley, my brother, deceased, and Lawrence, Anne, and Margaret Townley their children, together with that she is now with, for the life of Robert Midgeley of Munchroyde, my sonne in lawe Henrie Haughton, and Thomas and Henry his sonnes. To the poore £20. To Margaret my wife her thirds. I have already preferred in marriage my daughter Anne, nowe wife to Henrie Haughton, and my daughter Margaret, late wife to James Hartley, deceased, and nowe wife to Lawrence Roberte of Wynewall. To my daughter Jane, nowe wife to John Halidaye, the some agreed upon before Mr. Edmond Breers, Esq., Councellor at lawe. The rest to Richard Townley my sonne and heire, he to be executor. To John Braddell of Port-feeld, my cosen Nicholas Grimshawe, Richard, sonne of Richard Sherburne of Stonyhurst, and my brother Thomas Towneley, each a cloake. To my cosen Richard Towneley of Towneley, Esq., a cloake.

[Proved at York, 30 April, 1624.]

THE WILL OF ANTHONY SAWREY, OF PLUMPTON, CO. LANC. 1624.

JANUARY 28, 1622-3. ANTHONIE SAWREY of Plumpton. To be buried in the chancell of Ulverston, where my father and grandfather were buried. My lands in Plumpton which I bought of Thomas Hutton, to trustees. My sons and daughters, wife Alice, and son Myles Sawrey, executors. Supervisors, my brother Mr. Preston of Holker, my brother Mr. William Farington of Wearden, and my cousin Mr. Myles Doding of Conishead.

[Proved at Richmond, 30 January, 1623-4.]

THE WILL OF RICHARD FLEETWOOD, THE ELDER, OF PENWORTHAM, CO. LANC., ESQUIRE. 1626.

JULY 26, 1625. RICHARD FLEETWOOD of Penwortham, the elder, co. Lancaster, Esq., intending to make and prepare myselfe readye to goe forward in the universall jorney. To be inhumated, interred and buried in the chauncell of Penwortham church. Whereas I did purchase of Queen Elizabeth the tithes of the parishes of Penwortham and Layland, my will is that they be disposed according to indenture for the augmentation of the joynture of Margerye my wife, concerning parte thereof, and by another indenture between me and Sir Henry Leigh of Egginton, and William Forsters, lessies, of the other part, to the purposes specified, and according to another indenture between mee and Richard Shuttleworth, Esq. To my wife the use of my silver plate and all the cloven timber of Penwortham. The lesse gilte stope or cuppe of silver, the three lesse boules of silver, the single salt of silver, and 12 plaine spoones of silver, to be heireloomes. To my daughter Katherine £1,000 for her portion. To Elizabeth Talbot my godchild £40, and £20 to Margerie her sister, when 21. To Henrye and Richard Fleetwood, my younger sonnes, either of them a gelding, nagge, or mare, and all my bookes. Whereas I had a stond horse of my cosin Sir George (Fleetwood), knight, for the which he was to have a gelding in consideration, and whereas I did deliver unto my cozen Mr. Henrye Fleetwood of Graies Inne, his brother, for the dispatch of somme busines for me £8 in fayne gold, the which hee never disbursed nor repaid, he to pay £6 of it to Sir George, his brother, in consideration of the said horse, and the other £2 to Thomas Fleetwood, sonne of the said Henrye, my godsonne. To my loveing sister Elizabeth Charnocke, 20*s*. To my cosen and godsonne Mr. Roger Charnocke of Grayes Inne, gent., two 22*s*. peeces of gold. To my daughter Katherine both my lutes

and the playing instruments which standeth in the parlor, and the regalls. If I die before John Fleetwoode or eyther of his yonger brothers, the sonnes of Edward Fleetwoode my late eldest sonne, deceased, come of age, and if the wardshipp of him or them bee granted unto certaine feoffes named in an indenture dated 8 July, 1625, or by them to some other person, soe that by noe meanes or waies the said wardshipp shall happen to come into the handes of Sir William Norreis, knight, or any others who is not conformable to the lawes ecclesiasticall now established. If the said Sir William within two yeares cause to bee paid to my executors £400, being the some due and yet not paid of the porcion of Margaret his daughter, the feoffes to stand seized, &c. I have given to my two yonger sonnes Henry and Richard Fleetwood £40 per annum each. To Katherine Fleetwood my younger daughter £20 13*s.* 4*d.* per annum till she has received £500 out of her £1,000. To Elinor Fleetwood, my sonne Edward's daughter, £200. I have made noe provision for the yonger children of my sonne Edward because their grandfather, Sir William Norreis, oweth mee, for the marriage porcon for his daughter, £400; and for the pretended provision for my sonne Edwardes children out of my landes, I leave it to them who weare the authors and practisers of it, beinge sorye that both myselfe and my sonne Edwards eldest sonne should bee unconscionable delt with, protestinge before God it hath beene ever since I heard of it very grevous unto mee, and hath made mee lesse mindfull to provide for the sayd children, and the rather for it may bee pretended the device was for provision for them.

To my loveinge and assured friendes, in trust, Sir Richard Fleetwood of Caldwicke, knight and bart., Sir Henry Leighe of Egginton, knight, William Milward of Eaton, Esq., Roger Charnocke of London, Esq., Henry Breares of Preston, gent., and William Forster of Farrington, yeoman, all my tithes for the use of Richard, Edward, and Ellenor Fleetwood, my grandchildren. I doe, before the eternall God Allmightye and his

sweete sonne our Savior Jesu Christ, charge and command my daughter Anne Westbye that she never give her consent or approbacion for the disposing of her two daughters Elizabeth and Margarie Talbot, or either of them, in marriage to or with anye Popish Recusant whatsoever, as shee will answer to the contrarye before the tribunall seate of God Almightye.

[Proved at York, 8 July, 1626.]

THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER SANDYS OF PERRY BRIDGE, CO. LANC. 1626.

APRIL 28, 1626. CHRISTOPHER SANDS of Perry Bridge. To Jonathan my son £45, the £5 to be given to his maister, Mr. John Charles of London, when he shall come of age. To my son Edwine £45; daughter Ester £30; remainder to daughter Mary. My goods at Ralph Buntings at Tennksteares, near N.C. (Newcastle?), to her.

[Proved at Richmond, 1626.]

THE WILL OF JOHN TOWNELEY OF HURSTWOOD, CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1627.

AUGUST 26, 1627. JOHN TOWNELEY of Hurstwood, co. Lancaster, gentleman. To be buried in the church of Burneley. My goods to be divided into three parts. Ellinor my wife to have one, the widowes parte. Another, called the unpreferred childrens parte, to Bernard Towneley my younger sonne. The third parte, called deathes parte, to John Towneley my sonne and heire. To Ellenor my wife, for life, one third of

the landes which I late bought of Edward Strancliffe, deceased. Touching my manor of Dalton, co. Yorke, by indenture dated 13 February, 20 James [1622–3], between me and John Towneley my sonne, I have given to Bernard my younger sonne an annuity of £40 out of it. I confirm it, and I make Nicholas Towneley of Royle, Esq., and Robert Ingham of Fullage, co. Lancaster, yeoman, my most especiall good freindes, to be feoffees in trust for me. Sonne Bernard and Edward Northe of the Baulkend, executors.

[Proved at York, 1627.]

THE WILL OF MYLES SANDYS. 1627.

APRIL 22, 1627. MYLES SANDS. To be buryed in my parish church yeard of Haukeshead, upon the south syde of the church neare the Yew-roote. Wife Elizabeth; son John Sands; son David Sands.

[Proved at Richmond, 28 May, 1627.]

THE WILL OF RALPH TYRER, CLERK, VICAR OF KENDAL. 1627.

APRIL 17, 1627. RAULPH TYRER, vicar of Kendall. To be interred in the high chore or quyre of Kendall church, near my wife. All to my son John Tyrer, and his owne aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, gentlewoman, dwelling neare Powles Wharffe in London, to be his guardian, hopeing that she wilbe as kinde unto him as his mother (her sister) and myself have bene unto hers, and if she refuse, Robert Harrison of Kendall

Parke, and Lucrece his wife, daughter of Mrs. Edwards, to take him. If he die before 21, I give and devise all to the Maysters, Senyors, and Fellowes of Trinity College, Cambridge, to graunt a schollership, to be Tyrers Scholler or the Stationers Scholler, and the said scholler to come forth of the schoole of Powles or Westminster, and that successively an election be made of the same scholler by the name of Tyrer, Harrison, or Maid . . ., and yf there be none of those names or kindred, then for anie other stationers sonne borne in London which shalbe found fitt for the same place. But if he die and the college will not accept of this, all to go to the next of kindred both by my father and mothers side, the one to the nearest of my kindred of the Tryars [? Tyrars] of Lancashire or elsewhere, and the other to my kindred by my mothers syde descending from mine unkle, Humphrey Keene (my mother's brother), in Buckinghamshyer or elsewhere. To Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, if she take charge of my sonne, I give my wives wedding ring, and if she refuse, to go to her daughter. To Lucrece Harrison my wifes lesse gould ringe. To Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Harrison, my goddaughter, my least silver cupp. To Alice his younger daughter a silver chayne. To his youngest daughter a silver crosse. To Isabell, wife of John Willson wayte, a silver thimble. I charge my executor and his gardian that they cause that epitaph that I have made of myselfe in Englishe verse, here annexed, to be engraven in a plate of brasse, and the same to be fastened upon the marble stone over the grave where I shall be buried, and to speake to a sufficient man to preach my funerall sermon and for his paines to give him 10*s*.

[Proved at York, 4 July, 1627.]

Inventory. 8 June, 1627. Sword, rapier, 2 pistolls, a case and steel capp, v*s*. In the great deske a gilded phsalter, a greek testament, a phsalme booke, gloves, a purse, a pece of taffatoe, a cipress hatband, knives, silk girdles with the desk, 18*s*. A box with three girdles, a bever hatt, and one other hatt, 16*s*. A litle

box and 4 ruff bands, 13*s.* 4*d.* In the other box v payre of gloves, 2 pair garters, silk capp and hatband, 6*s.* 8*d.* Groates for pottage, 2*s.* In lay mettall, 5*s.* 6*d.*, a pair of virginalls, 10*s.* All his bookes, £20. Plate, 63 ounces, £13 3*s.* 4*d.* 3 gould rings, 43*s.* 4*d.* In gould and monie, £69 14*s.* 0*d.* Sum total £214 14*s.* 4*d.*

THE WILL OF RICHARD SHIRBURN OF STONIHURST, ESQUIRE. 1629.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1627. RICHARD SHEREBURN of Stonihurst, Esq. To be buried in my new queare in Mitton church as neare to my new tombe as conveniently may bee. The lands, &c., in co. Lancaster which came to me from Sir Richard Shereburn my father, to Richard Shereburn my sonne and heire, then to Richard Shereburn my grandchild, and his heires males, then to the next heire male of me, then to Richard Shereburn my nephew, sonne and heire of my late brother Thomas Shereburn, Esq., and then according to the booke of perpetuitie made by my late father, 20 Elizabeth [1577–8]. All my lands in co. York and Notts to my sonne Richard, then to my said grandchild, &c. To Richard Shereburne my grandchild the parsonage of Mitton, &c. To my sonne and grandchild Richard Shereburn a paire of organes standing in the hall at Stoniehyrst, all my armor and weapons, flagg and tentt, all my wyndy instrumentes lyeing in a chist at Lawnd—as heireloomes at Stonichurst. To my daughter in lawe Elizabeth Shereburn, my sonnes wife, £20. My wife Anne. To Margaret Shereburn *alias* Stegson, my reputed daughter, 1,000 markes. I have given the next presentation to the rectory of Guistley, co. Yorke, to Robert, second sonne of my late brother Thomas Shereburne, Esq. To my neeces Mawde and Elizabeth Shereburne, daughters of my said brother, 100 markes each. I have made over the moytie of

the rectory of Warton to my sonne in lawe William Penington, Esq., and my daughter Katherine, his wife, reserving a grant of £90 out of it. I give to Joseph Penington, sonne and heire apparent of the said William, an annuity of £30 out of it. To my daughter Katherine Penington a paire of virginalls which was her mothers, and my litle lute. I have given to my sonne Penington for my said daughter's use, £2,000. To my godsonne, my brother Richard Sherburne sonne, of Downoe, £20. The residue to Anne my wife. To my sister Jane, wife to Rowland Houghton, £20. To my brother Richard Shereburne of Downoe, £5, and to his wife, £20. To my grandchild Richard Penington towards his preferment, £40. My wife and my good freind Robert Swynlehurst of Fawckehouse, gent., Thomas Shereburne of Highesham, gent., and Francis Paslew of Wiswall, gent., my executors.

Alsoe it is my will that my first wife, Katherine, daughter to the right honourable the Lord Sturton, deceased, that was buried in the Isle of Man, that the coffin her body was laid in within the said Isle of Man may be taken upp and a new coffin to be made to lye the said coffin in, and the same and the reliques of her body and bones brought from thence into England, to be laid in the ground with mee after my decease within the quire of Mitton; and if it please God to take me to his mercy before the said coffin be brought forth of the said Isle of Man into England, then it is my will and desire that the said Richard Shereburne my sonne, shall, upon his charges, cause the said coffin she was laied in to be brought into England and laied in the grave with mee. In consideration thereof I give to my said sonne all my right, &c., in the said Isle of Man.

[Proved at York, 10 March, 1628–9, and administration granted to the widow.]

THE WILL OF MILES DODDING[1] OF CONISHEAD, CO. LANC., ESQUIRE. 1629.

APRIL 11, 1629. MYLES DODDINGE of Conisheade, son of Myles Doddinge late of Conisheade, Esquier, deceased. My funerall to be in the daie time, there being a sermon and the companie of my freindes and neighbours invited and intreated thereunto, and a dinner provided. Whereas my father granted unto and with Christopher Davill to and for the use of his daughter Ursula £50 per annum out of lands, &c., in Chancerie Lane, for the benefit of Ursula my wife, daughter of the said Christopher. All my lands to George Doddinge my son and heir apparent and his heirs male, then to my two daughters Beatrice Pennington and Margaret Doddinge. To my son in law William Pennington of Seaton, Esq., £5. To my daughter, his wife, £10 and one gold ringe with four little diamonds and a rubie sett in it. To my sweete grandchilde Brigett Pennington 40*s*., and to John Pennington her brother 40*s*., and to Myles Pennington their brother £3. My cosen Samuel Knipe of Faidbanck.

[Proved at Richmond, 1629.]

THE WILL OF RICHARD TOWNLEY OF TOWNLEY, CO. LANC., ESQ. 1629.

SEPTEMBR 20, 1627. RICHARD TOWNELEY of Towneley, Esquyre. Wheras by deed of guyft dated August 31, last past, I have graunted to Savile Radclyffe of Todmorden, Esq., Ratclyffe Ashton of Curedall, Esq., and John Watson of Mearecloughe, yeoman, all my goods, &c., and the leases of Padiham, Wafferden, and Clivicher mylnes excepted, I confirm it. To

[1] His monumental effigy, with a long Latin inscription above, is in Ulverston church.

Janet Towneley my lovinge faythfull wyffe, my best carouch[1] with the whole furnyture therof, and my Flanders mares and two suteable geldinges and mares used for the same carouche.[1] To Rychard Towneley my eldest sonne, as a remembrance of me, my best gowne and all such ringes and seales eyther of sylver or gould which I shall have at my decease, and shall be ingraven with my whole armes or any parte of my armes, and the lease of my mylnes abovesaid, to the end that he may the better mayntaine and keepe for the benyfytt of ye poore his house at Towneley, as my trust is in him he will soe doe. I give him the armor as I have provided, within the chappell worke at Whalley by the appoyntment of my welbeloved brother in law Sir Raiphe Ashton, Bart., and deputye leiftenant. To my executors, as a remembrance of me, a ringe of gould to the value of 40*s*. a peece, wheron I wold have deathes head to be inamiled of the one part of the outsyde, and my ancient armes on the other syde to be ingraven and inamiled. My trustees to be executors, and Sir Thomas Walmsley, knight, and my cozen Raiphe Ashton, sonne and heire apparent of Sir Raiffe Ashton, Bart., supervisors. Witnesses, Richard Towneley, junior, Charles and Christopher Townley, Henry Sherburne, &c.

[Proved at York, 30 July, 1629.]

THE WILL OF BARNARD BANCROFT OF BURNLEY[2], CO. LANC., M.A. 1629.

NOVEMBER 3, 1624. BARNARD BANCROFTE of Burnley wood, parish of Burnley, co. Lancaster, maister of arts.

[1] "Caroch" or "Carouch" is an old word for coach, used by Cotgrave, Drayton, and others. Also used in "Two Lancashire Lovers," 1640, p. 25.

[2] He was, for a time at any rate, schoolmaster of the Free Grammar School, Burnley. He was buried at Burnley on the 23rd May, 1629, and his widow was buried there on the 22nd January, 1629-30. For this information I am indebted to W. Ecroyd, Esq.

I would be honestly but not over costly buried, but I would have noe pennye dole, but insteade of it I would have £8 geven to the poore of Burnley parysh. Margaret my wife. To Nycholas Townley of Royle, Esq., £190 yf he live one halfe yeare after my decease, otherwyse I give to it Anne Heskett, sometymes called Anne Hadocke, my cosin german. To Margaret Talbott, *alias* Sherborne, as I thinke, my cosin german, £10. To my nephewes John Tattersall my godsonn, and William Tattersall of Pochthorpe by Norwiche, £20 a peece. To George Harger my cosin jarman in Norfolk, £12. To poore Rychard Tattersall of Haberghamevies my mother's cosin jerman, £12. To Isabell Whittaker, widow, my cozen jerman, £7. To my syster Jenytts daughters £7, excepte Isabell, because I thinke that she hath noe need of any. To my god-daughter my brother John's daughter, £4. To the widow of William Bancroft my cozen jerman in Yorkeshire, £5. To William Jackson, *alias* Bancrofte, my father's imputed base sonne, £3. To Thomas Stanley my godson, £6. To Humfray Smithies widow the poore layme woman in Burnley, £4. To the daughter of Jennett Kenian my cozen which dwelt with my cozen John Towneley of Hirstwood, £4. To Alice Heape, commenly called Blynd Alice, in Burnley, 40*s*. To Henry Heape my wyves brother, 20*s*. To Rychard Habergham my godsonne, my silver tunne. To the children of John Bancroft my cozen german in Yorkeshire, 40*s*. My will is that neyther my brother Nycholas Bancroft, nor my brother John Bancroft, nor Thomas Whitaker, nor John Tattersall, my brothers in law, nor ther wyves, neyther John Habergham, nor Anne his wyfe, my nephew by mariage, and neece nor any of ther children, save only as godchildren and legatories, have any of my goods. The rest to poore people. Nycholas Townley of Royle, executor, and Mr. Fidler, parson of Thorpe by Norwiche, to see all my thinges in Norffolk performed; and thus I take my leave with the world, beseechinge Christe Jesus for his bitter passion sake to have mercie on me now and for ever, at the houre of my death and at the laste and dreadfull day of judgment.

To Evan Hadocke my cozen jerman, £5. My will is that neyther any brother nor syster that I have shall have any of my goodes, because they never deserved neyther good nor favour at my hands.

[Proved at York, 18 October, 1629.]

THE WILL OF SIR ROBERT BINDLOSE OF BORWICK, CO, LANC., KNIGHT. 1630

FEBRUARY 7, 1629–30. SIR ROBERT BINDLOSE of Borwicke, co. Lancaster, knight. To be buried in my parish church of Warton, neare unto my welbeloved wife. I give all the lands, &c., left unto me by Robert Bindlose my late father, deceased, in Preesaw and Hackensawe, Docker, Arholme, Neither hutton, *alias* Preist hutton, Newton, and Cawood, co. Lancaster, in Kirkeby Kendall, Watefeild, and Holmescales, co. Westmerland, in Litton dale, viz., at Neither-Hested, co. Yorke, the Haighe or Heighe in the parish of Thorneton in Craven, the lands called Clifford in the parish of Bentham, as expressed in a paire of indentures made betweene me and Sir Francis Bindlose, knight, my late sonne, deceased, on th'one part, and Thomas Lord Wentworth, Sir Robert Cray of Toddington, co. Gloucester, knight, Christopher Phillipson of the Callgaith, Esq., and Mathew Jobson of Hauxwell, Esq., on the other partie, bearinge date 10 August, 22 James [1624]. Lands in co. Durham. To Robert, sonne of the said Sir Francis Bindlose, deceased, all my armour and furniture provided for the service of the King, &c. &c., as heirloomes. Francis Bindlose (a minor). My daughter Jane Bindlose. My daughter in law the Lady Cicely Bindlose.

[Proved at York.]

THE NUNCUPATIVE WILL OF PETER WARBURTON OF ARLEY, CO. CHESTER, ESQUIRE. 1630.

JULY 21, 1626. Nuncupative will of PETER WARBURTON of Arley, Esq. He gave all his money and plate and the rest of his goods and chattells to his daughters, excepting £500 which he did bequeath to Frances Warburton his daughter more then to any of the rest of his daughters, and did nominate William Brereton, Esq., Mary Wilbraham, widowe, and one Peter Warburton of Heversham grainge, Esq., his executors.

18 June, 1630. Administration granted (at York) to William Brereton of Ashley, Esq., and Mary Wilbraham of Tilston Fearnhall, widow, joined by Richard Brereton of Ashley, gent., and Hugh Wilbram of Eccleston, gent., to administer.

THE WILL OF THOMAS CLIFTON OF HEYSHAM, CO. LANC. 1631.

JANUARY 18, 1630–1. THOMAS CLIFTON of Heysham. Son William Clifton my lands, &c., in Heysham. Wife Ellinge; daughters Alice and Ellinge; son William my bookes, uncle Oswald Walles; uncle Thomas. Supervisors, Thomas Sherborne and Richard Westmore, gent.

[Administration granted at Richmond, 6 August, 1631.]

THE WILL OF WILLIAM SAWREY OF WATERHEAD, CO. LANC. 1632.

MARCH 13, 1631–2. WILLIAM SAWREY of Waterhead, bailife. To be buried in the church of Hawkeshead. My lands at Waterhead to Barbara my wife, for life. To

Anthony, son and heire of William Sawrey, and his heirs, a parcell of land called Robert Wrey. My lands at Waterhead, &c., to William, son of my brother Henry Sawrey, and his heirs, in fee. Brothers in law Richard Hodgson and David Tyson, my sister Annes two daughters, my sister Jopson, kinsman William Sawrey, of Cohlthouse.

[Proved at Richmond, 1632.]

THE WILL OF FRANCIS PRESTON OF PARK HOUSE, IN THE PARISH OF DALTON, CO. LANC. 1632.

MAY 30, 1632. FRANCIS PRESTON of Parke House, in the parish of Dalton. To be buried in the church of Dalton, near my wife. To my grandchild John Preston, grandchild William Knipe, to my daughter Dicconson, a silver salt. My daughter Preston and her children. Fardinando Preston my son. My master, Mr. John Preston.

[Proved at Richmond, 23 November, 1632.]

THE WILL OF ROGER JODRELL OF YEARDSLEY, CO. CHESTER, ESQUIRE.[1] 1634.

OCTOBER 25, 1631. ROGER JODERELL of Yeardesley, co. Chester, Esq. I give my landes to my brother Edmund Joderell, he paying £10 yearely for ever out of my landes in

[1] He was the eldest son and heir of Edmund Jodrell, Esq., and succeeded his father on the death of the latter in 1628. He was buried at Taxal on the 19th June, 1632, and was succeeded by his brother Edmund Jodrell, Esq. (See *East Cheshire*, vol. ii. pp. 535 and 539.)

Yeardesley to the poor of Taxall, and £5 yearly to the poor of Disley Standley, and 40*s*. to the poor of Glossoppe. To Ellin Davenport, widdow, my howsekeeper, £20, and to her daughter Frances Davenport, £20. To Margrett Joderell 40*s*. To Edmund Joderell of the Carre, and to Jane his wyfe, theire livinge dueringe theire lifes naturall. To John Shalcrosse, Esq., one of my executors, my gray fillie. To John Joderell of Millton, 20*s*. To Mr. Phillippe Holland, minister of Maklesfield, 20*s*. desiering him that he wilbe pleased to preach at my funerall. I desire that my executors shall take soe much of my whole goods as may bringe me home in such seemely maner as my father was, or better, if possibly may be. My brother Edmund Joderell, gent., and John Shalcrosse of Shalcrosse, Esq., executors, and my brother the residue.

(6 March, 1633-4. Administration granted to Edmund Jodrell of Yeardesley, gent., at York.)

[This will was also proved at Chester, 12 August, 1635.]

THE WILL OF ABEL DUERDEN OF ROCHDALE, CO. LANC., CHAPMAN. 1639.

DECEMBER 8, 1632. ABELL DUERDEN of Rachdale, co Lanc., chapman. My body to be buried in the church yard of Rachdale.[1] Goods in three parts; one part I give to Mary my wife, one part amongst all my children now born or to be born. I appoint guardians of my younger children, Abraham Stansfield the elder, of Hamer Hall mill, yeoman, and Mary my wife, but if she marry, then I appoint guardian of my eldest

[1] He was buried at Rochdale on the 29th May, 1639, being simply described in the Register as "Abell Duerden." (See Fishwick's *Rochdale Registers*, vol. ii. p. 288.)

child Joseph Duerden, the said Stansfield, and guardian of my daughter Mary, James Roades of Mildrawe, and guardian of my daughter Judeth, Susan Ogden of Rachdale, widow, and guardian of my daughter Elizabeth, Samuel Wilde of Rachdale, mercer. And whereas by deed I have appointed the said Abraham Stansfield and Abraham Stansfield his son and heir apparent, in trust, to hold my messuages and lands for Joseph my son and his issue, I hereby give the rents and proceeds of the same during his minority amongst all my children till Elizabeth, the youngest, be 12 years old (if my term so long last). I appoint Abraham Stansfield, senior, and Mary my wife, executors.

(Signed) ABELL DEARDEN *(sic)*.

Witnesses, Samuell Dearden, Robert Briggs' ×, Johannes Hallowes, script.

[Mary, the widow, proved this will at York, under £40, 20 August, 1639, Stansfield renounced.]

THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER SANDYS OF FOUNLEYEATE, CO. LANC. 1634.

DECEMBER 2, 1634. CHRISTOPHER SANDS of Founleyeate. To be buried in the church of Hawkeshead. Son Adam Sands my messuages at Founleyeate and he to pay to my two daughters, Elsabeth and Katharine Sands, £10 each. Wife Agnes. Supervisor, Mr. Christopher Sands, my brother Thomas Sands, &c.

[Proved at Richmond, 1634.]

THE WILL OF ABDY ASHETON, CLERK, RECTOR OF MIDDLETON, CO. LANC. 1635.

ABDIE ASHETON, rector of Middleton. To be buried in the chancell or parsons chappell of Middleton church. To my Ladie Asheton, late of Middleton, iiij old angells to be a ring, and to Mrs. Marie Asheton of Middleton, widdow, the same number of the like angells for a ring. To Mr. Raphe Asheton, lord of Middleton, and his wife, to either of them iiij old angells for the aforesaid use if they please. To my cozen Mr. Raphe Asheton of Aisheby in Yorkeshire, and to his wife, to either of them ij angells for a ring, and to iij sonnes and ij daughters of my good cozen Richard Asheton, late of Middleton, Esq., to every of them xv*s*. in gold to bie them rings. After the Bishop hath made his choice of a horse, I desire my executors to deliver to my worshipfull cozen and patron Raphe Asheton of Middleton, Esq., what horse he pleaseth to chuse, amongst the rest, also my double gilt boule with a gilt cover for it, and if he please the ij barrow belts (?) now in my occupation. To his worshipfull mother at Stancliffe, my least double gilt goblett I bought of her, with my Geneva Bible, and to my patron's wife my litle gilt salt with a cover belonging to it, and to his ij children either a unite, and to Mr. Raphe my gilt case of redd leather with all implements therein, and to my cozen Mr. Raphe Asheton of Kirkeby, one of my silver salts of the colledge fashion whether he will chuse.

To my cozen Richard Asheton, deceased, his 5 younge children, £100. To Dorothie and Mary, his daughters, a good feather bedde. To my brother James Asheton, parson of Halesworth in Suffolke, for him and his children £60, and to his wife a unite in golde. I forgive Richard Asheton my brother £80 he owes me, and give him my yellow cadoe for a covering, a russet coloured cloake, and a silver spoone. To Mr. John Allens, parson of Frostenden, nigh Halesworth in Suffolke, a double peece of gold,

and the like sume to Christofer Hudson, sometimes my minister. To my cozen John Harper of Ainsworth, £5, to his sonne John, £4, and to his daughter Anne Ainsworth, £3. To the poore of Haleswoorth, Slatburne, in Yorkeshire, and of Ainseworth in Middleton parish, each 40*s*. To the poore of Brickhill and Bamford 20*s*., and of Asheworth 13*s*. 4*d*., of Middleton hamlett £3, of Hopwood 30*s*., of Thorneham 13*s*. 4d., of Pilseworth 13*s*. 4*d*., Bury 20*s*., Rachdale 20*s*., Alcrington, Tonge, and Chadderton 10*s*. each. To the schoolehouse of Middleton £10 towards the boording of it, and £10 to the parish to be a continuing stocke for the poore. I leave £60 to the senior burser or senior deane, with the knowledge of the master of St. Johns Colledge, in Cambridge, my deare mother, to be bestowed upon bookes for the use of the new library there, specially the fathers and new writers. Lastly, I leave my paper bookes of what volume so ever, to my cozen William Asheton, to kepe or burne at his pleasure, and if he bee my next successour in the parsonage, all the rest of my bookes, which by word or writeing I shall not dispose otherwise of; but if he be not, my desire is they may be sold. My loving cozens Mrs. Mary Asheton of Middleton, widow, and Mr. Raphe Asheton of Kirkebie, sonne to Sir Richard Asheton, my executors, and my worshipfull patron, Raphe Asheton of Middleton, Esq., overseer, to whom I leave my best jewell, my watch or pockett clocke, given unto me twise by my most honourable Lord my Lord of Essex the morning before his death. August 27, 1633. Witnesses, Mr. Richard Hollingworth and John Bury.

Codicil. On Saturday before All Saints Day, 1633. With reference to the £60 left in the hands of his executors, "he did declare to Raphe Ashton, Esq., that it shall bee towards the maintenance of my brother Richard, and some things more I have given to his use but I cannot tell what it will come to, my goods beinge not valowed, yet in regard all my estate (as I conceave) will not pay his debts, I will not leave any summe of

money or parte of my estate in his owne power, for soe it would be a meanes to cast him into prison if his creditors knowe hee have any thinge. All my desire for him is this, that hee may have convenient keepinge soe longe as he lives, with meat, drinke, apparell, lodgeinge, and necessaryes in a moderate and fittinge manner as you thinke meett. And I pray you, cozen (speaking to Raph Ashton), have a care thereof, for if I should leave it to his guideing besides the troubles that his creditors might bringe upon him, I am perswaded that in shorte tyme hee would waystfully spend it by drinkinge and other his riotous courses, as hee hath done most of his owne estate in former tymes." Raphe Assheton.

[Proved 17 January, 1634[-5], at York.]

THE NUNCUPATIVE WILL OF THE REV. FATHER IN GOD, WILLIAM FORSTER, D.D., BISHOP OF MAN.[1] 1635.

FEBRUARY 21, 1634-5. Nuncupative will of the Reverend father in God, WILLIAM FORSTER, Doctor of Divinity, and Bishopp of Mann. To Thomas Mallory, sonne of the right worshipfull Thomas Mallory, deane of the Cathedrall church of Chester, his advowson of the rectory of Northenden *alias* Northerne, co. Chester, granted unto Richard Mallory, gent., and William Forster, gent., for his use, and they to present the said Thomas Mallory to the said rectory. To Francis Mallory, sonne of the said Thomas, £20. To the poore of the parishes of Tatham, Northen, and Barrowe, £10 each. To his fower sisters children, £40. To his nephew Stonebridge, £20. To his nephew William Stonebridge, £20. To his faithfull servant

[1] For a short notice of this prelate, who held the rectory of Northenden, co. Chester, from June 14th, 1625, till his death, see *East Cheshire*, vol. i. p. 292.

Barnaby Stirzaker, £10. In the presence of certain credible witnesses, and afterwards departed this life.

3 October, 1635. Bond from Nicholas Forster of Tatham, yeoman, and Barnabye Stirzaker of Garstange, and William Forster of Tatham, yeoman, for William Forster to administer.

[Proved at York.]

THE WILL OF PETER KNIPE OF WARTON, CO. LANC., HUSBANDMAN. 1636.

NOVEMBER 22, 1635. PETER KNIPE of Warton, co. Lancaster, husbandman. To be buried in the church yard of Warton, neare to the greate church doore and my twoe sonnes. To my wife Ann, and daughters Alice and Elizabeth. To Robert Bugg my great table in the bodystead of my house. My brother in law Robert Burrowe.

[Proved at Richmond, 5 May, 1636.]

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOODS OF RICHARD KNIPE OF WARTON, CO. LANC., ALMSMAN. 1636.

AUGUST 18, 1636. Administration of the goods of RICHARD KNIPE of Warton, almesman, granted at Richmond to Robert Knipe of Warton, husbandman, his son.

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH SHERBURNE, WIDOW OF THOMAS SHERBURNE OF HEYSHAM, CO. LANC., GENT. 1637.

ELIZABETH SHERBURNE, widdow, late wyffe of Thomas Sherburne of Heysham, gentleman. To bee buried in Chippin church, neare unto my deceased husband. To my brother Lawrence Breres one goulde ringe, my bay nagge and the £50 hee oweth mee. To my sister in lawe Catheringe Breres one goulde ringe and my beste blacke gowne of stuffe. To my sister Issabell Guy one jewell of goulde. To my mother Breres a litle ringe of goulde. To my brother John Breres one duble duckett. To Mrs. Anne Sherburne of the Laund, one litle jewell to bee sett in silver and gilded with goulde. To my nice Frances Breres my beste cowe. To my brother in lawe Richard Sherburne of Heysham, towe paire of linen sheets. The residue to my nephew Olliver Breres when 21. To my uncle Henry Breres 20*s*. yearly, and 5*s*. a yeare to my uncle Thomas Breares. To my cosen Robart Edmondson one spurriall, and to his brother Thomas Edmondson a 20*s*. peece. My loveinge brother in law Richard Sherburne of Heisham, executor, and I give unto him one silver boule and my part of the gilded salt. September 3, 1637.

[Proved at York, 3 November, 1637.]

THE WILL OF JAMES PENNY OF PENNY BRIDGE, CO. LANC. 1637.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1637. JAMES PENNY of Penny Bridge, co. Lanc. To be buried in the church of Ulverstone, neare my father. To my son William all my houses and lands, my

brother William Penny, son John Penny, and son in law Edward Taylor.

[Proved at Richmond, 19 October, 1637.]

THE WILL OF JOHN TOWNLEY OF LATHGRIM, CO. LANC., GENT. 1638.

AUGUST 2, 1638. JOHN TOWNLEY of Lath-grim, co. Lancaster, gentleman. I gyve all my goodes, &c., to Richard Townley my naturall and onlie childe, and constitute him and Henrie Townley of Dutton, gentleman, my executors.

[Proved at York, 8 November, 1638. Administration granted to Richard Townley.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS KITSON OF WARTON, CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1638–9.

FEBRUARY 12, 1638–9. THOMAS KITSON of Warton, co. Lanc., gentleman. To be buried in Warton church, near my predecessors. To Thomas Kitson my son the demaine of Killington. To my daughter Elizabeth £250, and she to marry as John Layburne, Esq., my brother in law, and my son Thomas think fitt. My daughter Ellin. My wife Elizabeth.

(Inventory, 20 February, 1638–9. Sum £358 11*s.* 10*d.*)

[Proved at Richmond, 1638–9.]

THE WILL OF JOHN RATCLIFFE OF BIRKWOOD, IN THE PARISH OF CROSTON, CO. LANC., COLLIER. 1639.

NOVEMBER 13, 1639. JOHN RATCLIFFE of Birkwood, in the parish of Croston, collier. To be buried in the churchyard of Croston. Eldest son John Ratcliffe 12*d.* Eldest daughter Anie Oates 40*s.* To William Akeroyd, who married my daughter Jane, 12*d.* To Elizabeth Grubb my third daughter 12*d.* To Anne Bloome my youngest daughter 12*d.* Residue to Robert Ratcliffe my youngest sonne, and he to be executor.

[Believed to have been proved at York, but the probate is not forthcoming.]

THE WILL OF JOHN WATMOUGH OF PRESTON IN AMOUNDERNESS, CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN.[1] 1640.

OCTOBER 20, 1639. JOHN WATMOUGH late of Thornton Hall in Bradford dale, co. York, gent., but now of Preston in Amunderness, in the co. of Lancaster, sick in body, &c. To be buried in the parish church of Preston. Lands and tenements at Thornton, in trust, to his loving uncles John Midgley and Thomas Pearson, for the use of his wife Frances, for 31 years or for her life. Remainder to his brother Joshua Watmough, citizen and haberdasher, of London, and his heirs for ever. Wife, executrix. Witnesses, Henry Fleetwood, Henry Blundell, Adam Morte, John Jameson, John Winstanley.

[Believed to have been proved at York, 24 January, 1639–40, but the probate is not forthcoming.]

[1] It appears from the Lancashire Visitation of 1664–5, that this John Watmough married Frances, daughter and heir of Mr. Barcroft of North Byerley, co. York, who afterwards married Robert Blundell of Preston.

THE WILL OF JOHN LEIGH OF ROCHDALE, CO. LANC., WOOLMAN. 1640.

NOVEMBER 8, 1639. JOHN LEIGH of Rachdale, co. Lanc., woolman. My body to Christian burial.[1] Whereas I am interested in two messuages, a barn, stable, and bleach-house in Rachdale, in the occupation of myself and James Milne, I give, &c., to Edmund Leigh of Rachdale, and William Leigh of Foxholes, my brethren, to have, &c., in trust, for the use of Mary my wife for her life (if she neither marry nor commit fornication), she paying a suteable part of the rent due to the lord of the manor. Remainder to John Leigh my son and his issue male, in default to his issue female. Remainder to Mary, Margaret, and Jane my three daughters. All my residue into 3 parts, one to Mary my wife, one to the said John, Mary, Margaret, and Jane, and the third to myself, which, after my funeral expences, I give it all to my said son and daughters. I desire my said brothers Edmund and William to be the guardians of my children, and supervisors of my will, and I appoint my wife Mary sole executrix.

[Proved at York, by Mary the widow, under £40, in 1640.]

THE WILL OF WILLIAM RADCLIFFE,[2] OF MANCHESTER, ESQUIRE. MADE 1641; ? PROVED 1645.

JUNE 23, 1641. WILLIAM RADCLYFFE of Manchester, Esquire. Assuredlie trustinge that by the death and

[1] He was buried at Rochdale on the 17th December, 1639, as "John Leigh of Rachdale." (See Fishwick's *Rochdale Registers*, vol. ii. p. 290.)

[2] For a short account of him see *Manchester Court Leet Records*, vol. iv. p. 4 note 1. He was buried at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, on the 31st July, 1645.

passion of Jesus Christ my Savyour and Redeemer, and by His onelie mercie and mediacion for me I shall live and pertake with His blessed saints in His heavenlie kingdome of those joyes which of his eternall goodnes He hath prepared for His elect, of which number, through His infinite grace and mercie, I doe confidentlie hope and beleeue that I am one. My bodie to be buried within my chappell at Manchester in the same place where my father was buryed. I will that my goods, &c., be divyded into three equall partes, one parte I give to Elizabeth my nowe lovinge wife, the seacond to my sonne William Radclyffe, and the third I reserve to my selfe and doe hereby dispose thereof. To my wife I give my silver bason and ewer, the litle silver pott which I bought last, &c. To my sonne Richard Radclyffe the bedstid in the painted chamber and the coveringe upon it of rowed kittermuster. I will that the great ould guylte salte with twelve apostle spoones and the greate pott with the signe of an horse shoe upon it, beinge an ancient heireloome, be as heireloomes to the heires of my bodie. Elizabeth my wife, and my sonne Richard, executors.

[Believed to have been proved at York, but the probate is not forthcoming.]

THE WILL OF FRANCES MIDDLETON OF HALTON, CO. LANC., SPINSTER. 1641.

AUGUST 13, 1641. FRANCES MIDDLETON of Halton, co. Lanc., spinster. To my neece Lucye Spence, £100. To my cosen Jeffrey Midleton, the son of Edward Midleton of Midleton Hall, Esq., lately deceassed, £50. To my neece An Couper of Rippon, £20. To my neece Joane Spence, £10. To my cozin Hillarie, sone of Hillary Bradley of Arnsyde Tower, £10. To my nephewe John Hudlestone the silver porringer and cover which I had given me by my late sister Hungate,

which hath engraven upon it these twoe letters J. H. and Midleton's coate of armes. To my neece Marie, wiffe of Thomas Carus the younger, of the said Halton, one other silver porringer and a little gould chayne. To my nephew Robert Midleton of Clathroppe, one of my three silver boules, to witt, the narrowest brimed boule of those 3 bowles. To my nephew Edward Wright one gould ringe which hath a redd stone in it and in that stone an impression of the heade to seale with. To my neece An, his wiffe, one silver spoone. To my sister Bradley the jewell which was my late mothers. To my neece Elizabeth, the wiffe of Thomas Dalton of Thurnham, Esq., a jewell which is christall on the outsyde of it. To William Midleton, sone of the said Edward Midleton, late of Midleton Hall, 20*s*. To my neece Lucy Spence one of the best of my 3 silver boules. Executor, Christopher Bowes of Halton, yeoman.

(Signed) FRANCES MIDDLETON.

Inventory taken at Arnesyde, 28 August, 1641. 1 ould black sattine goune cutt and two payre of black sattine bodices and one stomacher, £2. 1 ould taffety goune and 2 paire of French bodies, 13*s*. 4*d*. One ould stuffe gowne 2 stomachers and 1 ould hatt and 1 ould black apron, 8*s*. 1 sattin petticoate and 1 redd stuffe, £2. 1 ould wascote and other lyke thinges, 4*s*. 6*d*. 1 hatt, 14*s*. 1 stuffe rydinge suyte of serdge, 11*s*. One cloth rydeinge suyte laced, 10*s*. 2 sadle cloakes and 1 brydle, 10*s*. 2 smokes, 10*s*. 5 aprons, 10*s*. 10 bandes, 1*s*. 6*d*. 2 wayskotes 1 muffe and other small things, 13*s*. 1 ould scarph and black silk dressinges and 2 payre of stockins 1 payer of shooes and 1 paire of roses, 3*s*. 4*d*. Gould lace, 10*s*. Naples silke, silke lace and a stomacher wrought with gould twist and the lyneinge of a hatt wrought and asse collor taffatie and other small things, 6*s*. Ould endes of silke in a boxe, 1*s*. Ould shredds of silk and silk lace, 6*d*. Ten litle boxes, 1*s*. One pair of gloves ribbine and tape, 2*s*. Gould waights, 1*s*. One pece of waxe threed and lace, 4*d*.

She owes to Mrs. Mary Laborne for a silver boule, £2.

27 January, 1641-2. Bond from George Middleton of Leighton, Esq., joyned by Robert Middleton of Highfield, parish of Halton, gent., and Thomas Houghton of Leighton, gent., to administer to his late aunt.

[Believed to have been proved at York, but the probate is not forthcoming.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS WALMSLEY OF DUNKENHALGH, ESQ., 1641-2.

NOVEMBER 6, 1641. THOMAS WALMSLEY of Dunkenhalgh, co. Lancaster, Esq. To be buryed in the chappell or quire of the parish church of Blackburne where my father's tombe was erected, my buryall to be in the night tyme in such like manner as my sonne Thomas was buryed, without any blackes or any mourninge to be given for me or any hearse to be erected. I constitute Mr. Richard Byron of Sturley, co. Nottingham, Esq., my cozin Richard Haworth of Grayes Inn, barister, and my cozin Richard Blundell one of the bretheren or aldermen of Preston in Amondernes, my executors. To Richard Walmsley my grandsonne and now heire apparant, my Minshews dictionary of nyne languages and all my other bookes except those which hereafter I doe give unto my sonne Charles, namely, my Calapinie dictionary of eleven languages and all my Spanish, French, and Italian dictionaries, and every of my bookes written wholy or for the most parte in the Spanish, French, or Italian languages. To the said Richard Walmsley all my armour and all my pictures, hangings, &c., att my howse called Donkenhalgh, my best silver basen and ewre, my seale ringe of gold which was my father's and my two silver seales and my loadestone. Alsoe I give unto him my lease of the parsonage of Nildwiche with the tythe corne of the Bridge end which I

hold of the Colledge of Christ Church in Oxeford. To Dame Julyan Walmsley my daughter in law my goodes, &c., at and in my howse called Hackinge in Billington. To Sir Edward Osbourne Barronet my sonne in law £100 for the use of Charles Osbourne his younger sonne. To my daughter Osbourne his wife, £100. To Richard Shirburne of Stonyhurst, Esq., my sonne in law, £100 for the use of Anne Sheereburne his daughter. To my daughter Shereburne his wife, £100. To the poore of Blackbourne £10, of Rishton £20, of Clayton in the Moores £10, and of Acrington £5. To the prissoners att Lancaster £5. The residue to Ellinor, Julyan, and Anne Walmsley, all three daughters of Sir Thomas Walmsley my late sonne, deceased. My welbeloved sonne in lawe Sir Edward Osbourne, supervisor, and if any difference [arise] betwixt my heire and my sonne Charles, he to indeavour to bringe them to such friendly sorte as they wilbe lyke to be forced too with much cost and trouble by suite in law. In witnes whereof I have written this my last will and testament all with my owne hand.

[Proved at York, 23 March, 1641–2.]

THE WILL OF JOHN PRESTON OF THE MANOR IN FURNESS, ESQ.,[1] 1643.

"JUNE 6, 1642. I JOHN PRESTON of the Manor in Furnes, Esq., beinge in perfect memorie, I prays God for it, and not soe evill disposed in bodie as that I fear anie present death, but consideringe the uncertayntie of the lyfe of man togeather with the number of my years, doe make this my last will and testament. First of all I doe geve and bequeath my soule into the hands of Jesus Christ my God and Savioure, confidently

[1] This will has been copied in full.

hopeinge by the merits of His most bitter passion, to have forgevenes of all my sinns, and to injoy the joyfull vision of the most blessed Trinitie in the kingdome of heaven for ever; and I doe humble beseach the blessed Virgin, St. John Babtist, and St. John Evangelist, and all the Saynts in heaven, togeather with the whole Catholicke Church to be intecessors for me, that God will deal more mercifully with me (even for Christ Jesus His sake, whoe offered up soe plentifull a redemption for me) then my necligences in makeinge satisfaction for my sinns have deserved at his hands. I doe also bequeath my bodie to the earth from whence it came, desieringe yf I dye in Lancashire or Westmoreland it may be bewried in the quier at Hevershame, near [where] my father and others of my ancestors have bean bewried, yf conveniently it may be. I doe altogether dislyke costly funeralls, and thearfore I will not have anie made for me, onely I would have blackes geven to my wyfe, children, and grandchildren, and sonns in lawe, and some monie to be geven to the poor in maner followeinge, that is, 20li to the poor of Dalton parishe, 20li to the poor in Burton parishe whear I have had the tyeth, 10li to the poor in Hevershame, yf they make mee stopp of my bewriall, which yf they doe then that parrish to have nothing. I make my sonne John Preston, John Arnison of Newton in Furnes, yeaman, and Tresteram Lucas nowe my keeper of Holmes park, executors. And I geve the surplusage of my goods or personall estate wholely to John Preston my sonne.

"And now as concerninge my wyfe whoe hath causlesly sought to lay manie scandalls upon me for which I hartely forgeve her, and that not onely God but the world alsoe may bear witnes with me that I ame not onely in charitie but hartely love her and wishe her well, as well in this world as in the next, I doe hearby geve her £100 as a legasie over and above what shalbe dewe unto her by lawe, and I am still willinge to lett her have Levens and Manser of an increas of her joynter out of my goodwill which I might have revoked at my pleasewre. To my

dowghter Preston, as a token of my goodwill, 20li. To my sonne Howard 20li. To my grandchild Thomas Howard 40li. To my grandchild Elizabeth Standishe 20li, and to her husband £10. To my grandchild Margerett Anderton 20li. To my sonne Downs 20li, and to my doughter Elizabeth, his wife, £100, as a token of my love to them boeth. Whearas I have layd out sevarall sums of monie upon morgages, as with my cosen James Anderton of Clayton, Thomas Dauson of Roascoat, Nicolas Garner of Dalton, Robert Rowlingson of Marchgrayns, and the two tenements in token that out of the profitts of theas tenements and theas morgages, if they be redeemed, theas anuities be payd dewringe theyr lives, *i.e.*, to Thomas, son of Thomas Knipe, £10, for which he hath assewrance heartofore made out of Sowrbe, to Thomas Ingelton of Anderon (?), 10li. To Harrie Preston, yf he be not suffered to injoy the leas I have made him of Clyvehen parkes, 10li. To John Wright now my sarvant 10li. To John Horne 40*s*. besyds meat and drinke and lodgeinge. To Christopher Townson 5li. To John Winder 5li. To James Hyndmans (?) 3li 6s 8d. To Mr. Peter Winder in Colburne 5li. To Robert Lasie 5li. To Willyame Temple now my foteboy 3li 6s 8d. To Cicely Penketh nowe my wyfes mayd 3li 6s 8d. To Thomas Addison of the Moore howeses 40s a year dewringe his lyfe, for his willingnes to serve me in all my occations. I apoynt suprovysors of this my will my loveing cosen Roger Kerbye of Kerbye, Esq., and my loveinge cosen James Anderton of Clayton, Esq.

(Signed) JOHN PRESTON."

(Autograph on parchment, old hand.)

[Proved at York, September, 1643.]

THE WILL OF BARBARA SAWREY, WIDOW OF WILLIAM SAWREY OF WATERHEAD, CO. LANC. 1642.

APRIL 27, 1636. BARBARY SAWREY, late wife of William Sawrey of Waterhead,[1] widdow. To be buried in the church of Hauxhead. To the poor of Hauxhead £10. To the children of William Sawrey, now elder, of Waterhead, £5. To the children of Myles Sawrey his brother, £5. To the children of Anthony Sawrey their brother, of Hollin banke, £5. To the children of William Sawrey, son of Myles Sawrey, 40*s*. To William Sawrey, son of Francis Sawrey, John his brother, and Elizabeth their sister, £3. To Anthony Sawrey of Coulthouse, and Mabell his wife, £4. To the three sons of my brother James—James, William, and George, £9. Sister Isabel Harrison, brother James Braithwaite.

[Proved at Richmond, 2 September, 1642.]

THE INVENTORY OF THE GOODS OF JOHN PRESTON OF OVER NEWTON IN FURNESS,[2] CO. LANC. 1642.

THE Inventorie of all the goods and chattells of JOHN PRESTON, late of Over Newton [Furness, Lancashire], deceased, prised the xth day of August, Año Dom 1642, by these iiij^er^ men, vizt, James Muckelt, Gilbert Atkinson, X̄pofer Preston, and Thomas Atkinson, as followeth, vizt:

Imp^s^ in shapen appell	- - - - -	vj^s^
Itm. in Sheetes and coverletts	- - - -	x^s^

[1] An abstract of William Sawrey's will will be found on page 205.

[2] The will of John Preston, which is preserved with this inventory, does not appear to have been copied.

Itm. in boulsters - - - - - - -	j^{s}	vj^{d}
Itm. in sackes and poakes - - - - -	iiij^{s}	
Itm. 3 olde arkes - - - - - - -	iij^{s}	
Itm. 2 ꝑ of Bedstockes - - - - - -	ij^{s}	
Itm. in Salt - - - - - - - -		viij^{d}
Itm. in seeves, riddle, and a waight - - -		vj^{d}
Itm. a ꝑ of Cards, sickells, spade, and an old ley		viij^{d}
Itm. a Tubb - - - - - - - -	j^{s}	vj^{d}
Itm. in woodden Vessell - - - - - -	iiij^{s}	vij^{d}
Itm. a Brass pott - - - - - - -	ij^{s}	vj^{d}
Itm. in Pans - - - - - - - -	iij^{s}	
Itm. 2 Dubles[1] - - - - - - - -	ij^{s}	
Itm. ffrying pan, Speele,[2] and Kirchett[2] - -	j^{s}	ij^{d}
Itm. Girdle and Brandereth - - - - -	j^{s}	vj^{d}
Itm. a Chist - - - - - - - -	ij^{s}	
Itm. Stooles and Firme - - - - - -		vj^{d}
Itm. 2 sawn boardꝭ - - - - - -		iiij^{d}
Itm. a Catmalison[3] - - - - - - -		iiij^{d}
Itm. Recconcrooke and tongues - - - -	j^{s}	
Itm. in Roopes and Landernes - - - -	j^{s}	
Itm. in old husbandrie gear - - - - -		vj^{d}
Itm. a Wheele - - - - - - - -	j^{s}	
Itm. Tugweethies[2] and Torweethies[2] - - - -	j^{s}	
Itm. a Carrn - - - - - - - -		iij^{d}
Itm. Turffes - - - - - - - -	iij^{s}	iiij^{d}
Itm. Louse Woode - - - - - - -		iij^{d}
Itm. trist[4] and old criells[2] - - - - - -		iiij^{d}
Itm. a Barrowe and a forke - - - - -		vj^{d}

[1] Probably for "dubler" or "doubler," a large dish, plate, or bowl, an old word in use in the North of England.

[2] These curious words I have not been able to meet with in any dictionary of old words.

[3] A "catmalison" was also an old word in use in the North of England, meaning a "cupboard near chimneys, where dried beef and provisions are kept."—Halliwell's *Archaic Dictionary*.

[4] Query, a "trestle," or support.

Itm. 2 axes - - - - - - -			vj^{d}
Itm. a Cowe - - - - - -	ij^{li}	vj^{s}	viij^{d}
Itm. in Oates and Bigg[1] - - - -	ij^{li}	xvj^{s}	viij^{d}
Itm. in Grasse - - - - - -		x^{s}	
Itm. in Money - - - - - -		vij^{s}	vij^{d}
Sum̃ totalis - -	viij^{li}	xvij^{s}	v^{d}
Itm. more in Sheepe, with Edw. Turñ - -		x^{s}	
Itm. in Poultrie - - - - - -			xij^{d}
In toto - - -	ix^{li}	viij^{s}	v^{d}

[Exhibited at Richmond in 1642.]

THE WILL OF NICHOLAS TOWNLEY OF ROYLE, ESQUIRE. 1645.

APRIL 8, 1645. NICHOLAS TOWNLEY of Royle, Esquire, sicke in body. I will that my lands, &c., within the mannors of Ightenhill and Colne and the forest and chace of Pendle, stand to the use of Nicholas, sonne and heire apparent of Robert Townley of Newlawnd in Pendle forest, gent., according to indentures dated February 10, 1644. To my brother Bernard Townley £10. To Nicholas, sonne of Nicholas Townley of Litleton, £7 to buy him a peece of plate withall at the discrecion of Katharine Townley my sister-in-law, grandmother of the said Nicholas, and of Nicholas Townley, Esq., his father. To Francis Poole £5. To Thomas Aspden of Burnley, schoolemaster, £5. The rest to Isabell my wife, and she to have the gilt cannes and a gilt bowle (for they are her owne), she to be executrix. To Bryan Ferrand my nephew £5, and to Jane his wife 40*s*. Witnesses, Robert and Bernard Townley, George Halsted, and John Skirrow.

[Proved at York, June, 1645.]

[1] "Big" is a word meaning a particular kind of barley, in one case "poor lean barley."

THE WILL OF WILLIAM TOWNLEY OF COLNE, CHAPMAN. 1646.

MARCH 30, 1646. WILLIAM TOWNLEY of Colne, chapman, being at this present in some infirmitie of body. I will that Agnis my wife shall have my messuage or mansion house in Colne for her life, with remainder to John, sonne and heire of John Blaykey of Colne, my nephew. To Edward Townley of Connanley, my brother, £6 he oweth me. To William Townley his sonne v^{s}. To John Townley my brother, and to John and Richard his sonnes, v^{s} each. To my brother Henry Townley of Skipton, and to his children, xxx^{s}. To Margret my sister, wife of Roberte Hall of Long Preston, v^{s}. To Thomas Townley my brother, of Colne, v^{s}. The rest to my wife, and I make her sole executrix.

[Proved at York, July, 1646.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS LATUS OF PLUMPTON, CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1647.

FEBRUARY 15, 1646–7. THOMAS LATUS of Plumpton, gent. All to my only daughter Anna Latus.

[Proved at Richmond, 8 July, 1647.]

THE NUNCUPATIVE WILL OF MRS. ELIZABETH KITSON OF WARTON, CO. LANC. 1648.

MARCH 14, 1647–8. Nuncupative will of Mrs. ELIZABETH KITSON of Warton. She gave all her goods to her three children Mr. Thomas Kitson, Mrs. Jane Middleton, and Mrs.

Elizabeth Hebblethwaite. Anne daughter of Mr. Robert Midleton mentioned.

[Proved at Richmond, 16 March, 1647–8. Administration granted to Richard Williamson *ad usum* Jane Midleton, and Thomas, George, and Anne, her children. Robert Midleton of Warton, gent., a bondsman.]

THE WILL OF DOROTHY SHERBURN OF LITTLE MYTTON, SPINSTER. 1649.

JUNE 28, 1649. DOROTHE SHEREBURNE late of Little Mytton, one of the doughters of Thomas Shereburne, late of Little Mytton, deceased, but now of Burrowbridge within the Countye of Yorke. To my sister An Sheereburne all those small goodes which are in hir possession. To my sister Jane Smythson my watch. To my sister Jone Sheereburne £10. To my brother Bartholomew Shereburne £10. To Elizabeth Sheereburne my sister £40. To Charles Sheereburne my brother £5. The rest to my sister An Sherburne and Jane, wife of Daniell Smythson, my sister.

[Proved at York, 7 September, 1649.]

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